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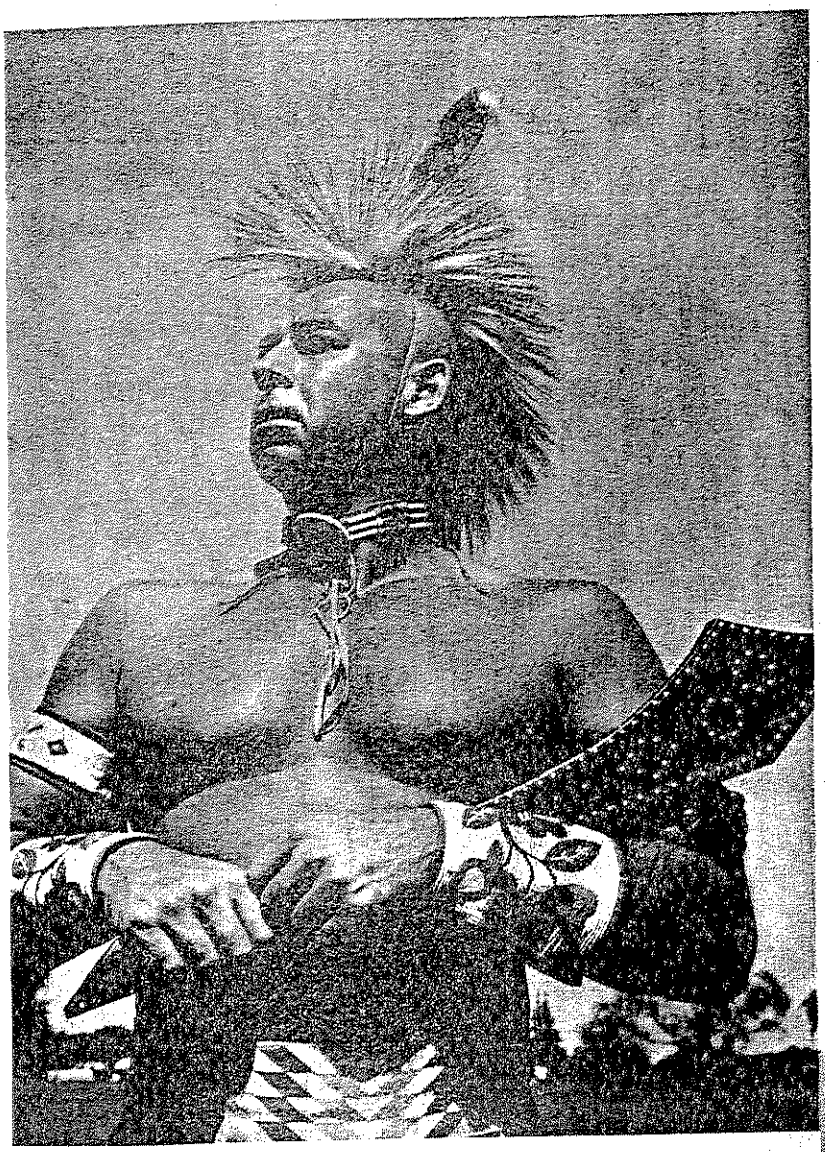

Red Cloud is fast becoming a top favorite with the fans. A clean and scientific wrestler, he has mastered a number of holds and maneuvers.

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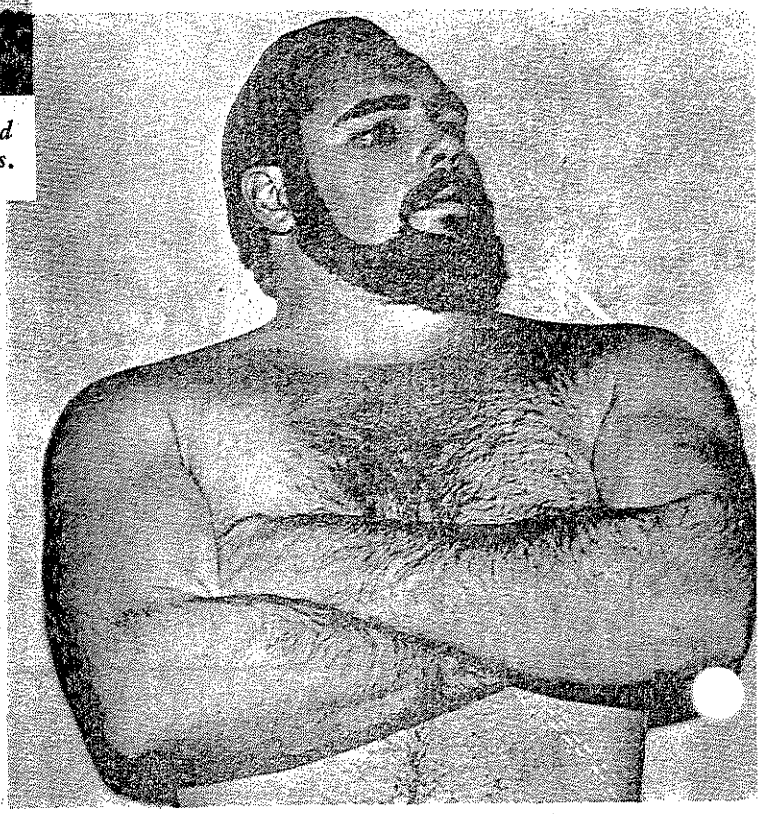

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AMERICAN & CANADIAN RATINGS

In each issue of MATMANIA, we rate the men of the United States and Canada on basis of skill in the ring. Our system is unique, so, as always, we explain how it is done. Each of our officers sends me their ideas of who is the 30 best, and using a reverse point system, that is 30 points for number one, 29 for #2 and so forth, we arrive at our final ratings. This time, there were 12 such lists, with only Gene Kiniski and Lou Thesz being rated on all 12 lists. There were 84 men listed, of whom 21 weree only on one lists.

Below, then, are our ideas of who is the 30 best men in this country. As always, these ratings tend to reflect the men of both Australia and Japan. As never before, the ratings tend to be truly world-wide in scope. As usual, I emphazize that these ratings are not official, but only our ideas of who is the best.

1. Gene Kiniski, 321 points
2. Lou Thesz, 302 points
3. Fritz Von Erich, 277
4. Verne Gagne, 275
5. Dick Afflis, 249
6. Bruno Sammartino, 247
7. Wilbur Snyder, 236
8. Reggie Lisowski, 234
9. Bill Watts, 207
10. Maurice Vachon, 198
11. Ray Stevens, 188
12. Johnny Valentine, 186
13. Karl Gotch, 183
14. Bill Robinson, 181
15. Killer Kowalski, 178
16. Shohei Baba, 165
17. Horst Hoffman, 160
18. Pat O'Connor and Billy Joyce, 147
19. Destroyer, 144
20. Gordon Nelson, 143
21. Kinji Shibuya and Bill Miller, 139
22. Dennis Mitchell, 136
23. Bobo Brazil, 116
24. Ernie Ladd, 114
25. Buddy Rogers, 101
26. Bob Ellis, 99
27. Gideon Gida, 97
28. Tibor Szakacs, 92
28. Ed Carpentier, 89
30. Mark Lewin, 88

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The big news this month is the influx of top stars from England and Europe. New m men include Joyce, Nelson, Mitchell, Gida, and Szakacs. Gone are Monsoon, Don DeNucci, Don Leo Jonothan, Jackie Fargo and the Shiek. All of the new ones made the ratings for the first time. Raises were noted by Gotch, up three places, Robinson, up 12 places, and Hoffman, up 16 places. Drops were noted by Lisowski, down (I'm sorry, Lisowski is up 5 places). Baba, down 9 places; Destroyer, down 5 palces; Miller, down 4 places; Brazil, down 5 places; and Mark Lewin, down 7 places. There were two ties, so 32 men are listed above.

As mentioned earlier, these ratings are not official, but only our ideas of the b best around. The biggest news, of course, is the listing of the various men from Europe. We had more people listing them, plus more lists sent me from there than ever before. Actually, they do fit in very well, as all of them are top notch men.

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WHOS DA BEST
THE WORLDS MOST PERFECT

This secteion of the bulletin has once again raised the most comment in our last issue, and as always, is one of my favourite. As usual, we have based this section on the results of single matches; this time October thru January, then I goofed and included the first two weeks of March. I'll pick February next issue. Scrry, everyone but no one is perfect. The rules are simple enough: a man has to be active in ten or more single bouts to be involved.

This issue, there are 12 men who had no losses during the period covered. Nine off them were listed last issue, with four new ones being included for the first time. T The men, and their won loss record are below.

1, Gene Kiniski, 27 wins, 6 draws
2, Gordon Nelson, 23, and 2
3, Kintaro Oki, 19 and 3 draws
4, Billy White Wolf, 10 wins, 1 draw and 2 no contests
5, Johnny Weaver, 11 wins and 1 draw
6, Kanji Inoki, 12, 2 and 2 do contests
7, Great Lothario, 9 wins and 3 draws
8, Shohei Baba, 11 wins, no draws
9, Fred Curry, 14, 3 draws and 1 NC
10 new, Sam Stwamboat, 9 wins, 2 draws
11, Ricki Starr, 10 wins, 2 draws
Earl Maynard, 18 wins, no draws, no NC
13, Count Bartelli, 9 wins, 2 draws.

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Seven men had no losses last issue, and since were defeated. They are the Batman with one loss to Tokyo Tom, Luther Lindsey with one loss to Stan Stasiak on disq. Enrico Torres, with one loss to Lars Anderson on disq; both Joe Hamilton and Jim Raske are no longer wrestling under those names, so have been excluded. Don Leo Jonothan had no losses, so should be listed above; his record is 18 wins and 2 draws. Am sure sorry, everyone.

As before, there, there are 14 men with no wins. They are Roberto Gonzales, Frank Hickey, Sweet Daddy Watts, Steve Stanlee, Benny Lima, Kenny Jay, Jim Grabmire, Bob Hamby, Fujiwara, Nick Adams, Mark Anthony, George Drake, Mammoth Suzuki, and Chico Cortez. One new men is listed; Benny Lima, with 12 losses and no draws. One man was dropped since last time; Francisco Rios, with a disq win over Bob Geigel.

The men with the most wins are: Killer Kowalski, 46 wins, 11 losses, 3 draws and 1 no contest; Spiros Arion, 40 wins and 1 loss; Jess Ortega, 40 wins, 10 losses, and 5 draws; Kinji Shibuya, 38 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw.

Those with the most losses are Tony Nero, 3 wins, 46 losses, and 1 draw; Ricki Sexton, 17 wins, 40 losses, 1 draw; Jerry Miller, 5 wins, 38 losses, and 3 draws; Angelo Savoldi, 14 wins, 36 losses and 2 draws.

A further word or two about wins and losses. The record of men such as above do no begin to tell the complete story on them and their ability to wrestle. Many men, such as those with many losses, face only the very top men around, and are continually matched with the very best. Everyone will agree that the four men listed above with the most losses are FAR from being the worlds worst wrestlers, yet their record would indicate that something was fishy in Denmark. Such is not true. Nero, Sexton, Savoldi and Jerry Miller are all good, useful men who know every trick in the book and could give a good accounting of themselves in any and every case. Actually, those fo' yr against the four with the most wins would be an interesting tag team match. Arion, Kowalski, Ortega and Shibuya against Nero, Miller, Savoldi, and Sexton. It would be hard to choose.

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You'll never find the following man listed as the worlds best wrestler. He is, t tho, one of the best around, and is continually rated among the top ten men in the field of wrestling. Below is his record of the past four months.

MAURICE VACHON

11 Jan	Quebec City	Benny Lima	won
13 Jan	Atlanta	with Paul vs Enrico and Al Torres	won
14 Jan	Denver TV	George Gadaski	won
14 Jan	St. Paul	Killer Kowalski	dual disq
18 Jan	Quebec City	Maurice LaPointe	won
21 Jan	Denver TV	Jim Diamond	won
22 Jan	St. Paul	Killer Kowalski	won
24 Jan	Chicoutimi	Hans Schmidt for Montreal title	won
25 Jan	Quebec City	with Gillmore vs Manuel Cortez and Rougeau	won
27 Jan	Chicago	Killer Kowalski	???
31 Jan	Quebec City	with Gillmore vs Cortez and Rougeau	lost
3 Feb	Atlanta	with Paul vs Enrico and Ramon Torres	lost
8 Feb	Quebec City	with Paul Vachon and Terry Garvin vs Rougeau, Jac Rougeau and Britto	lost
12 Feb	Omaha	Dale Lewis	???
13 Feb	Moline	Killer Kowalski	lost
15 Feb	Quevec City	with Siki vs Carpentier and Rougeau	lost disq
20 Feb	Chicago	Verne Gagne	lost disq
22 Feb	Quebec City	Regi Siki	won
26 Feb	St. Paul	Verne Gagne for AWA title	lost
27 Feb	Montreal	with Siki vs Carpentier and Rougeau	lost
1 Mar	Quebec City	with Siki and Gillmore vs Carpentier, Moquin and Cortez	won disq
6 Mar	Montreal	with Siki vs Carpentier and Rougeau	won
8 Mar	Quebec City	Larry Moquin	won
11 Mar	Omaha	Dick Afflis	lost
13 Mar	Denver	Verne Gagne	lost disq
15 Mar	Minneapolis	Ernie Ladd	lost disq
17 Mar	Omaha	Bobby Shane	lost disq
20 Mar	Montreal	Ed Carpentier	lost disq
21 Mar	Minneapolis TV	Mike Marlowski	won
22 Mar	Quebec City	with Siki vs Rogers and Valentine	win disq
25 Mar	Milwaukee	Reg Parks	won
25 Mar	Minneapolis TV	Steve Tuck	won
27 Mar	Montreal	Pat Flanagan	won
28 Mar	Minneapolis TV	Bob Hirsch	won
29 Mar	Quebec City	Johnny Valentine	drew
3 Apr	Montreal	with Siki vs Britto and Cortez	won
4 Apr	Moline	Verne Gagne	won disq
5 Apr	Denver	Verne Gagne	lost
5 Apr note	Quebec City	Johnny Rougeau	won
8 Apr	Minneapolis TV	George Gadaski	won
8 Apr	St. Paul	Verne Gagne	lost disq
10 Apr	Montreal	Tex Morgan	won
11 Apr	Minneaplois TV	Bob Hirsch	won
12 Apr	Quebec City	Johnny Valentine	lost disq
14 Apr	Milwaukee	Verne Gagne	lost
15 Apr	Minneapolis TV	Ken Yates	won
15 Apr	St. Paul	Verne Gagne	lost
21 Apr	Winnipeg	Reg Parks	???
23 Apr	Minneapolis	Danny Hodge	lost
24 Apr	Omaha TV	Great Dane	won
26Apr	Beatrice	Bobby Shane	NC
1 May	Montreal	The Beast	won

6 May	Omaha	Bobby Shane	lost disq
5 May	Chicago	Verne Gagne	lost
10 May	Quebec City	Johnny Rougeau	won disq
15 May	Montreal	Ed Carpentier	won
17 May	Quebec City	with Von Raske vs Rougeau and Moquin	won
22 May	Montreal	Hans Schmidt	won disq
24 May	Quebec City	with Von Raske vs Rougeau and Moquin	lost disq

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It si difficult to say very much about the above record. A villian, he has many disqualification losses, but aside from those, has mon the majoirty of his bouts, beating some pretty fair wrestlers along the line. He also held both the AW and the MOntreal world title at the same time, something that has to be pretty rare. What about it Don? Maurice's losses, when they come, are usllay accompanied by my smoke and fireworks than any other man around; his opponent really knows that he has been in a bout. In Short, Maurice is a darn good wrestler and as wild a man as there is in wrestling. A Goodie.

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In the remaining space, I will tell you everything I know about the wrestling currently going on in the New England area. The Tony Santos wrestling. The only new man they have gotten in there is a young airman by the name of Bob Yore. In the air force, he is getting the big build up, what with wins over Irish Pat Sutti, try again. Irish Pat Sullivan, Bull Montana and athers. Chris Belkas is still the second most popular man in the ara, only behind Frank Scarpa, the man recognized as their worlds champion. Others in the area are Hans Schmidt, Billy Graham, and Smasher Bloom In short, I know little of what is going on there. Santos' wrestling has been going down hill, and with the WWWF moving in there, many of the fans are dropping Tony and going over to the other wrestling. We have had no results from there for well over two months. Only one line-up, and it from a boy in Philly. HELP.

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It has been months since we have done this, so for a change, a list of our officers. As originally planned, our members are to send their local results to the man or woman nearest them or in their area, then they, the officers send them to me. Below is the full list.

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I left out the hardest working man in the club, Norman Kietzer of Mankato, Minn. He doesn't do anything with results, but I keep him busy with everything else. The above group, plus about a dozen others, are the ones who make MATMANIA go. I luv em all. They's goodies.

RESULTS FROM CANADA

7 June. SASKATOON. Stan Stasiak W Johnny Foti. Dave Ruhl W Vic Rosetanni. Bud Cody W Bobby Christy. Jerry Christy W Kurt Von Steiger. Karl von Steiger W Paul De Galles. Beast W Pepi Montez.
9 June. CALGARY. Cody and Foti W Firpo Zbyszko and DeGalles. Beast W Montez. J. Christy W Charley Fox. B. Christy W Kurt von Steiger disq.
14 June. SASKATOON. B. Christy won royal. Stasiak W Montez. Ruhl W DeGalles. Beast W J. Chrsty. Foti W Cody. Kurt von S W Gordon Ivey.
15 June. KINDERSLEY. Stasiak W J. hristy. Ruhl W Beast. Von Steigers W Montez and B. Christy. Foti D Cody. Ivey W DeGalles.
16 June. CALGARY. Rene Marr W Fox. Montez D Ivey. Beast W Cody. Foti W DeGalles. Stsiak W Ruhl. Christys W Von Steigers ofr North American title.
25 June. TORONTO. Johnny Valentine D Jeet Singh. Bulldog Brower W Regi Siki. Igor and Ivan Kalmikoff W Dutch Momberg and Beast. Hans Schmidt W Stamford Murphy. Mohan Singh W Frank Laine.
29 June. SASKATOON. Stasiak W Ruhl. Marr W Montez. Beast W B. Christy. J. Christy W DeGalles disq. Cody D Ivey. Foti W Fox.
5 July. SASKATOON. Ruhl W Stasiak. Christys W Beast and Zbyszko. Botie W Leo Burke. Marr Woops DREW Ivey. Cody W Fox.

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The Montreal circuit has had visits from Spiros Arion and several other top names in additon to their normal collection of men. Unfortunaletely, we did not receive any results from there, though. Sorry, allsies. That one Toronto card is the first we have received in months, also. Again, sorry, but.....

Dave Ruhl beat Stasiak for the Candian title on 4 July in Edmonton. We will have a fuller report on Ruhl's defenses in our next issue. I am not sure if there are two different Beasts involved. I do know that the one in the western half is he who was in Australia. He returned from that area minus his hair. He has shaved off all of his hair, and now only wears a small beard; also lost 20 pounds and is much faster than before. It is nice to see what he looks like for a change.

Kiniski is reported to be in the area for a visit to defend his title against the top men of that area. Notably, I imagine, will be defenses against Ruhl, Stasiak and possibly the Beast. Twould give Gene a bit of a work-out, those three. Gene was to be in Saskattoon on the 14th of July, against Ruhl.

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A few people are quick to criticize the wrestling of the Edmonton, Calgary area. One thing to remember, tho, is that just as regularly as the sun comes up in the morning and sets at night, this area has their normal quota of matches. They continually draw well, no matter who is wrestling there at the moment. It may not be that they have the best known wrestlers in the world, but they get the job done. And what more can you ask of anyone?

Certainly, men like Dave Ruhl, Stan Stasiak and the Beast can hold their own with anyone. When you start off with these three, no areas wrestling can be too bad. I would trade them for three of our local boys any day of the week.

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The Toronto area is second only to St. Louis for having the widest variety of top notch men as far as our ratings are concerned. They have regular wrestling in at least three cities up there: Toronto, Hamilton and Kitchener. We desperately need these results to fully follow wrestling. Could someone, MAYONE, please try to get them for us?

After an exhaustive search for someone, other than myself to do a particular article, I find that no one is willing to risk the consequences. Thus, I am forced, against my better judgement, to do it. This article is about finances; money; cost of operation. I am the least likely person to do this article as there is to be four in this world; for example, I just counted up and found that I have 12 fingers. Thus you will have to bare with me.

I checked recently and the round trip fare to Japan for a wrestler is around one thousand dollars. The promoter there runs a tournament usuallly with four or more wrestlers from the States. Therefore, they have to pay out at least four thousand dollars for transportation. In addition to this, the promoters also pay possibly the best salaries in thie world; a minimum of 500 a week per man. PLUS all expenses.

One of these tournaments run about 3 weeks, so the cost is the initial 4,000, plus 3 weeks at a mimimum of 500 per week per man or 4 times 1500 or another 6,000. Add is the "plus expenses" and the cost of the tournament is AT LEAST 12,000. And this is only for the four American wrestlers.

If we include the preliminary wrestlers, there are about 8 Japanese wrestlers with their combined salaries about the same as the total of the Americans. Thus we can add another 6,000 to the total cost of the tournament for a total of 18,000.

In that three week span, they have about 16 matches. So the per match cost is about 1,200 each. If the tickets sell for only a dollar each, they have to draw 1,200 people to break even. They average WELL OVER 5,000 per match. Thus making a gross profit of AT LEAST.....

I, of course, have used mimimum salaries as well as minimum ticket cost. So that break even point is not completely accurate. But one thing is for sure: The Japanese promoters run BY FAR the most expensive wrestling operation in the world. There is absolutely no comparison between them and any other promotional group in the world in this regard. At the same time, they have by far the most lucrative, the best money-making area in the world.

One of the major reasons for this is the steady flow of top flight talent to their country. More variety of talent than almost all of the United States combined.

Somewhere along the line, there is a lesson to be learned. That lesson is that variety of talent will ensure a succesful promotional operation.

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As mentioned time and time again in these bulletins, it simply does not cost that much to bring a new wrestler into any particular area. Basically, all it costs is the transportation round trip from where he is to the new area. Even for a one nite stand, the cost is not prohibative; as noticed by Denver, where they have to bring in the entire card some thousand or so miles for only the one nite. Almost anywhere else in the country, the cost would only be about 200 dollars to bring a man in. Add in their salary, and the total cost would only be a few hundred aollars. The promoter would have to draw only four or five hundred EXTRA people to off-set that cost.

Why then, don't more promoters bring in these extra men? Boobies, I've got not the slightest idea. Some of the men do it; notably the Detroit promoters, the St. Louis, and the Los Angeles men. Likewise the Texas promoters, but only the Texas men do it with any degree of success, as they continually out-draw any other section of the country.

It is often difficult to find a dozen men who travel to two or more different sections ofthe country in any one month. Lets face it; the more different areas in which a wrestler appears, the better known he is; the better known he is, the more fans he can draw; the more fans he can draw, the better he can get paid from the promoters. It would seem to me, that a wrestler would INSIST on being booked into a wider variety of cities and areanas so that he would more rapidly get to the top of the wrestling heap.

Of course, I am only a fan; what do I know?

The following article originally appeared in the Vancouver, B.C. paper on 12 Apr 67. Writer not identified.

JAPAN MATMAN TO BE GIVEN RUGBY TRYOUT

A Japanese wrestler and former rugby star will be given a tryout with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

B.C. general manager Denny Veitch said Monday he has invited Masatake Kusatsu, 25, to try out for the Western Football Conference team's rookie camp in June.

Kusatsu, a six-three, 220 pound native of Kumamoto, Japan, has been wrestling professionaly in the United States for the past year.

Kusatsu arrives here Sunday from a wrestling stint in Florida, although he isn't coming to Vancouver specifically for a football tryout.

Veitch, a former rugger palyer for a Vancouver, British Columbia team explained: "I first met Kusatsu in 1961 when we toured Japan. One of our games was against All-Japan, and Kusatsu was their lock forward. We became friendly, and corresponded. Kusatsu came to Vancouver In 1962, on a Yawata rugger tour, and liked it here. I told him I would help him come here to live if the opportunity ever arose.

"We lost touch after that, then Kusatsu contacted me last winter from Florida. Arrangements have been made for him to come here as a professional wrestler.

"At the same time, we'll take a look at him as a foot-ball player, although he's never played the game."

Veitch describes Kusatsu as a superb athlete and an outstanding rugger player. He said Kusatsu would be classed as a nonimport, explaining that import status, under CFL rules, applies only to U.S. citizens and to anyone who gas played football in the U.S. before his 18th birthday.

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-RESULTS FROM THE NORTHWEST

23 June. PORTLAND. Lonnie Mayne W Luther Lindsey. Dale Kaiser D Bob Burns. Johnny Kostas W Tony Borne disq. Sandy Barr D Bruce Kirk. Jim Osborne W Bob Sweetan.
26 June. PORTLAND. Mayne W Pepper Martin. Pepper Gomez W Ciclon Negra disq. Kostas D Sweetan. Kirk W Masked Marvel disq. Borne W Barr. Osborne W Tom Andrews.
27 June. SEATTLE. Roy and Don McClarty W Red McNulty and Tony Nero. Abdullah Bey W Rick Renaldo. John Tolos W Danno McDonald. Roy McClarty W McNulty disq.
1 July. TACOMA TV. Chris Tolos D Rooky Johnson. Abdullah W Roy McClarty. John W McNulty.
1 July. SEATTLE. McClarty D McNulty. Frank Shields D McDonald. Abdullah W Barr. Johnson W Renaldo. Don Leo Jonothan W George Cannon. Beaver and Jamaica Kid W Low Low and Brutus. Tolos Bros W Don McClarty and Gene Kiniski.
7 July. PORTLAND. Kostas and Osborne W Mayne and Borne. Kirk D Marvel. Barr W Sweetan disq. Burns D Peppi Montez.
8 July. TACOMA TV. Abdullah W Nero. Jonothan W Ike Hansen. McNulty W Roy McClarty.

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The arrival of Jonothan is the only imprtant thing happening in the way of a new face in the northern portion of this area. In the southern, tho, they got Gomez, Negra, Sweetan, Andrews, and other good young men there. Now, as always, the promoters in this area are among the best in the world, altho lately, the Seattle area has not seen too many new faces.

Lonnie Mayne is the Northwest champion, having defeated Luther Lindsey for it on the 16th in Portland. The match on the 23rd was a rematch of that encounter. Other men in that Portland area include Shag Thomas, who often referees, Ivan Kameroff, Bobby Nichols and others. A surprise for me was that Tosh Togo was there on 31 March of this year, and possibly for a time before that. Once a day, in every way, we are all getting smarter and smarter and smarter.

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resULTS FROM JAPAN

The following are from the JPWE Thrid Golden Series.

28 May. TAKIGAWA. Shohei Baba, Michiaki Yoshimura and Antonio Inoki W Don Leon Jonothan, Ike Eakins and Dutch Savage. Dick Steinborn W Mitsu Hirai. Rip Hawk W Yoshinosato disq. Swede Hanson W Great Ito. Raizo Kojika D Motoji Okuma.

30 May. KUSHIRO. Baba and Yoshimura W Savage and Hanson. Inoki D Hawk. Steinborn W Ito. Eakins D Hirai.

31 May. ASAHIKAWA. Baba and Inoki W Savage and Eakins. Jonothan W Harai. Hanson W Ito. Steinborn W Sato. Yoshimura NC Hawk. Takachiho D Okuma.

2 June. MURORAN. Baba, Inoki and Ito W Jonothan, Savage and Hawk disq. Yoshimura D Steinborn. Eakins W Kojika. Hanson W Takachiho. Okuma W Nagasawa. Koma W Fujii.

3 June. AOMORII. Jonothan, Hawk and Hanson W Baba, Sato and Ito. Inoki W Davage. Yoshimura W Eakins. Steinborn W Takachiho.

4 June. AIKAWA. Baba, Yoshimura and Inoki W Jonothan, Steinborn and Eakins. Ito W Hanson disq. Savage W Okuma. Hawk W Takachiho. Kojika W Koma. Fujii W Nagasawa.

5 June. TSURUOKA. Baba and Inoki W Hanson and Savage. Yoshimura W Hawk. Jonothan W Sato. Steinborn W Ito. Eakins W Okuma. Takachiho W Fujii. Matsuoka W Koma.

6 June. OKITA. Baba W Savage. Yoshimura and Inoki W Hawk and Hanson disq. Jonothan W Ito. Sato NC Steinborn. Eakins W Hirai. Takachiho D Kojika.

7 June. MORIOKA. Baba, Inoki and Ito W Jonothan, Savage and Eakins. Yohimura NC Hanson. Hawk W Sato. Steinborn W Kojika. Okuma W Takachiho.

8 June. HACHINOKE. Baba, and Yoshimura W Hawk and Hanson. Inoki W Savage. Jonothan W Takachiho. Ito W Eakins, disq. Steinborn W Okuma. Kojika W Nagasawa.

10 June. IIDA. Baba, Yoshimura and Inoki W Jonothan, Savage and Steinborn. Hanson W Ito. Sato W Eakins disq. Hawk W Kojika. Okuma W Nagasawa. Takachiho W Fujii.

11 June. MATSUMOTO. Baba and Inoki W Jonothan and Hanson. Yoshimura W Steinborn. Savage W Ito. Sato NC Hawk. Eakins W Kojika. Hayashi W Otsubo.

12 June. NAGANO. Jonothan, Hawk and Hanosn W Baba, Yoshimura and Takachiho. Inoki W Savage. Ito W Eakins disq. Steinborn W Ito. Okuma W Fujii. Nagasawa W Eigen.

13 June. FUKUI. Baba and Inoki W Hawk and Hanson. Yoshimura NC Savage. Jonothan W Okuma. Steinborn W Ito disq. Eakins W Takachiho. Kojika W Fujii. Matsuoka W Kitazawa.

16 June. CHIBA. Baba W Hanson. Yoshimura and Inoki W Hawk and Steinborn. Jonothan W Takachiho. Ito NC Savage. Eakins W Kojika. Matsuoka W Fujii. Okuma W Nagasawa.

17 June. YAMAGATA. Baba, Yoshimura and Inoki. W Jonothan, Steinborn and Eakins. Hansons W Ito. Sato W NC for real. Hawk. Savage W Okuma. Takachiho NC Kojika. Hiramo W Nagasawa.

19 June. INUYAMA. Baba, Sato and Ito W Jonothan, Savage and Hawk. Inoki W Steinborn. Yoshimura W Eakins. Hanson W Takachiho. Kojika W Fujii.

20 June. KASHIHARA. Baba and Inoki W Steinborn and Hanson. Jonothan W Ito. Yoshimura W Hawk. Hirai W Eakins disq. Savage W Kojika. Takachiho W Nagasawa.

22 June. TOKUSHIMA. Baba, Yoshimura and Hariai W Jonothan, Steinborn and Hawk. Inoki NC Hanson. Savage W Ito. Eakins W Sato disq. Takachiho W Koma.

23 June. TAKAMATSU. Baba, Inoki and Takachiho W Jonothan, Steinborn and Eakins disq Yoshimura W Hawk disq. Hawk W Ito. Savage W Kojika. Hirai W Nagasawa.

24 June. KOCHI. Baba, Inoki and Ito D Jonothan, Savage and Hanson. Yoshimura W Steinborn. Hawk W Sato. Hirai W Eakins disq. Kojika W Takachiho.

25June. MATSUYAMA. Yoshimura and Inoki W Hawk and Hanson in defense of Asia tag title. Baba NC Jonothan. Savage W Kojika. Steinborn W Harai. Ito W Eakins disq.

28 June. HAMAMATSU. Baba, Inoki and Hirai W Eakins, Steinborn and Hawk. Dara Singh W Ito. Yoshimura W Hanson. Sardara Singh W Takachiho. Savage W Okuma.

29 June. SHIZUOKA. Baba, Yoshimura and Inoki W Hawk, Hanson and Savage. Dara W Hirai. Ito W Eakins disq. Sardara W Kojika. Takachiho W Okuma. Koma D Hirano.

30 June. HIROSHIMA. Baba W Savage. Dara and Sardara Singh W Yoshimura and Hirai. Inoki W Eakins. Ito W Takachiho.

3 July. OKAYAMA. Baba and Inoki W Savage and Eakins. Yoshimura W Sardara. Dara W Ito. Takachiho D Okuma.

4 July. TOKUYAMA. Baba, Inoki and Hirai W Dara, Sardara and Savage. Yoshimura W Eakins. Ito W Okuma. Takachiho W Kojika.

6 July. OSAKA. Yoshimura and Inoki W Steinborn and Savage in defense of Asia tag title. Baba NC Dara Singh. Sardara J Takachiho. Ito W Eakins. Okuma NC Kojika. Fujii W Otsubo.
8 July. TOKYO. Baba and Yoshimura W Dara and Sardara for International title defense Inoki W Steinborn. Savage W Ito disq. Hirai W Eakins. Takachiho D Okuam.

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The IWE will have their second tournament starting July 27, running thru Aug 16. The Japnese wresterls involved are Hiro Matsuda, Toyonobori, Tadakaru Tanaka, Hsiter Suzuki. The American wrestlers will be Sam Steamboat, Bill Dromo, Dennis Hall and Roger Kirby. They will have 16 bouts in all. Results next issue, of course.

The JPWE will have their "Summer Series" starting 21 July, running thru 16 Aug, including 17 bouts. The Japnese men will be those above, plus Kim Ill, alias Kintaro Oki. The American wrestlers will be Bull Ortega, Tank Morgan, Antonio Pugliese, Art Michalik and George Drake. Also, Gene Kiniski will come to Japan on 10 August to challenge Baba for the International title held by Baba. They will have matches in Denen on the 10th and at Osaka on the 14th. Baba has defended this title against Afflis, Thesz, Karl Kox, Monsoon, Fritz Von Erich, Buddy Austin, Sammartino, The Destrpyer since winning it in 1965 from Afflis. We will also have these results in the August issue.

Our thanks, now as always, to Yoshihisa Fukuzumi for his help and assistance in gathering the info and results from Japan. He is one of the finest people in the world of wrestling, and we would be lost without him. He is a goodie of the highest order.

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The best men in the JPWE are, of course, Baba, Yoshimura, Inoki and Kintaro Oki, or Kim Ill. The three listed first are capable of Beating just about any three man combo in the world of wrestling. Baba, the Ginat, has more power and strenght than any other person around. Yoshimura is possibly the best around at sheer spped and knowledge of holds. Inoki is a combination of speed, judo, and the other basic wrestling sciences of Japan. In short, the three of them could more than hold their own with anyone and everyone around. Theys goodies.

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TEST YOUR WRESTLING IQ

1, Promoters: Name the promoter in the following cities:
   a, Seattle
   b, Philadelphia
   c, Toronto
   d, Montreal
   e, Newark
2, Titles: tell who each man beat for their current title:
   a, Bruno Sammartino
   b, Mike DiBiase
   c, Jack Donovan
   d, Frank Scarpa
   e, Billy Robinson
3, Aliases: name 9 people who have wrestled as the Medic
   name 5 men who have wrestled as the Assassins

There are a total of 24 men, oops points listed above. A perfect score is entirely possible. If you get 15 or above, you are a wrestling enius. Above ten, and you are the average fan. Less than five correct, and you are still the fan the promoters love best; a stupid one. Like me.

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RESULTS FROM THE SOUTH

19 June. MEMPHIS. Mario Galento W Bill Sky. Herb Welch W Mac York. Corcia Joe W Haystcks Muldoon. Bull Montana D Luis Garcia. Fargo Bros NC BIue Infernos.
19 June. ORLANDO. Bill Dromo W Roger Kirby. Sheri Lee W Diana Lynn. Great Malenko W Wahoo McDaniels. Lou Thesz and Sam Steamboat W Duke Keomuka and Hiro Matsuda.
19 June. BIRMINGHAM. Hines Bros W Treach Phillips and Dynamite Lindsey. Great Yamaha and Tomaya Sato W Willie Garrett and Len Rossi.
20 June. TAMPA. Harry Smith W Dromo. Les Welch W Phil Brummett. Bobby Graham and El Lobo W Kirby and Les Thatcher. Thesz D Malenko. Terry Funk and Lotherio W Sputnik and Rocket Monroe.
20 June. PENSACOLA. Dick Dunn W Ronnie Garvin. Don Carson NC Ken Lucas. Tyler Bros W Bobby Fields and Bobby Whitlock.
21 June. MOBILE. Lucas W Chico Cortez. Carson Bros NC Bobby and Lee Feilds. Tyler Bos W Whitlock and Dunn.
22 June. NORFOLK. Dennis Hall W Pedro Godoy. Jan Madrid W Sonny Fargo. Kentuckians W Anderson Bros disq. P.Y. Chung and Great Sasaki W Nelson Royal and Amazing Zuma.
22 June. CHARLESTON. Scott Bros W Aldo Bogni and Bronco Lubich. Jesse James and Jerry London W Bull Ramos and Tony Romano. Greg Peterson W Gene Dundee. Angelo Martinelli W Franklin G. Hickey.
23 June. ATLANTA. Paul and Stan Vachon W Enrico and Ramon Torres. Timmy Geohagen and Mr. Kleen W Jerry Graham and Jack Vansky. Tim Woods W El Mongul. Louie Tillet and Al Perez W Ray Gunkel and Rick Hunter. Jack Bence W C. Joe. Buddy Fuller W Black Jack Crawford.
26 June. BLUE INFERNOS W Fargo Bros in MEMPHIS. Galento W Luis Garcia. Yamaha W Joe Sky. C. Joe W Bob Hamby. Eric Von Brauner D Bill Sky.
26 June. BIRMINGHAM. Sato and Yamaha W Rossi and Garrett. Montana W Spiros Kontos. Hines Bros W Medics (Herb Larson and Ed Valentino).
3 July. BIRMINGHAM. Yamaha and Sato W Hines Bros for Southern title. Rossi W Johnny Long. Tom Drake W Herb Larson. Garrett W Montana.
7 July. ATLANTA. Ray Torres, Tim Woods and Avenger vs Vachon Bros and Mongul, all disq. Gunkel W Jerry Graham. Perez and Tillet W Fuller and Bob Nandor.
17 July. NORFOLK. Infernos and J.C. Dykes W Bogni, Lubich and Homer O'Dell. Larry Hamilton W Johnny Weaver. Kentuckians W Rip Hawk and Swede Hanson. Pampero Firpo W Dennis Hall.

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New arrivals in the areas involved include the team of Hawk and Hanson in the Carolinas, plus Jerry London, Les Thatcher and Chief Little Eagle in the same area. Bob Nandor moved into the Atlanta area. Also the Avenger, whoever he might be. Lee Henning used to use that name alot, and he has disappeared; perhaps..... Youngster Red Roberts moved into the Memphis area. And that, Boobies, is it. With the men having left for Japan from Florida, tho, I imagine there are more new faces around there. Who, tho, I have no idea.

While time allows, I would like to mention a photo service now operating in the Carolinas. Gene Gordon, long one of the most well known and respected photographers of wrestlers, has 8 by 10 fotos for sale of almost all of the men who have been in that area in the past ten years. They are only 2.00 each, but if ordering five or more at one time, they are only 1.50. Please include second choices when ordering pictures. The address is P.O. Box 2345. Charlotte, N.C. 28201. He also has current programs of that area for sale at 15 cents each, but please send <u>stamps only</u>. Thanx.

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One of the wildest feud in years is going on in Atlanta. Jerry Graham, the 350 p plus pund villain, is feuding with Eddie Graham. Jerry versus Eddie? I seem to recall them as one of the best tag teams in history not too long ago.

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RESULTS FROM THE OZARKS

25 June. ENID,--OKLA. Haystacks Calhoun won royal. Sandor Akbar W Jaun Sebastian. Danny Hodge W Pancho Rosario. Gorgeous George W Tarzan Baxter.
28 June. SPRINGFIELD. Calhoun W Rosario and Ruben Costello. Shikina and Yokouchi W George and Eddie Sullivan. Gerald Brisco W Jerry Usher. Sullivan W Shikina disq.
30 June. OKLA CITY. Sebastian W Chuck Conley. Baxter W Bobby Hart. Executioners W Brisco and Sullivan. Assassins and Calhoun W Shikina, Yokouchi and Nikita Mulkovitch.
3 July. SHREVEPORT. George D Rosario. Hodge W Johnny Heideman, one of the Executioners. George and Sullivan W Rosario and Sebastian. Executioners W Hodge and Akbar.
4 July. MONROE, LA. Hodge and Akbar W Sebastian and Rosario. Executioners W Sullivan and George.
6 July. LONGVIEW. G. Brisco D Sullivan. Kit Fox W Ripper Collins. Kay Noble W Jessica Rogers. George NX Baxter. Hodge and Calhoun W Assassins disq.
7 July. OKLA CITY. Fox W Sebastian disq. Rogers W Noble. Brisco W Costello. Rosario W Conley. Paul Jones W Collins. Assassins W Shikina and Yokouchi for title.
14 July. OKLA CITY. Tony Manousos W Costello. Brisco D Sebastian. Executioners W Conley and Fox. Jones W Rosario. Assassins W Hodge and Lou Thesz.

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The new team of the Executioners is really Heideman and Frank Marconi. Since we all know what their past records are like, we can assume that they will not be winning too long. Other newcomers include Kit Fox, Paul Jones and Tony Manousos, all good men and interesting wrestlers.

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RESULTS FROM THE HEART OF AMERICA

18 June. CEDAR RAPIDS. Earl Maynard and Ronnie Etchison W Jack Donovan and Bob Brown
20 June. SEDALIA. Etchison W Brown. Hangman W Steve Bolus. Maynard W Guillitine Gordon and Phil Christy. Ron Reed D Bob Kappel.
22 June. KANSAS CITY. Viking W Brown. Maynard W Tor Kamata. Hangman W Gordon. Reed and Sonny Myers W Donovan and Chrsty. Bolus W Kappel.
23 June. ST. JOSEPH. Myers and Etchison W Geigel and Brown. Reed W Donovan. Kappel W Viking. Hangman W Tiny Mills. Bolus W Kamata.
27 June. FALLS CITY, NEB. Verne Donovan and Betty Nicoli W Jean Antone and Jean Lane
30 June. TRUMAN CORNERS, MO. Donovan W Viking. Verne W Antone.
11 July. SEDALIA. Stomper NC Hangman. Bolus W Donovan disq. Reed W Kamata. Etchison and Stomper W Hangman and Viking.

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With the Mongolian Stomper back, the area is again looking up some. He happens to be one of the largest drawing cards in the history of that area. A hero at present, he will undoubtedly raise some wild matches before he is thru. Also new is the Hangman, getting there just about the middle of June.

It is really a shame that these two areas do not work more closely. They are both close (naturally, they would BOTH be close, Uncle Burt) and have had trouble of late drawing fans. So many of the fans are willing to drive hundreds of miles to see the wrestlers, yet the wrestlers are not willing to do the same; or at least, the promoters are unwilling to book more new men on occassions. Is a puzzlement.

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A new fan club for Gorgeous George Jr is now founded. Prexed by Charlotte Irvine, it has all the ear-marks of being one of the best around. Drop her a line for info at 1943 W. Thomas. Springfield, Mo. 65803. Tis a goodie.

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RESULTS FROM MUCHNIK

27 May. ST. LOUIS TV. Rick Hunter NC Viking. Earl Maynard W Nick Adams. Ed Carpentier W Tor Kamata. Mitsu Arakawa D John Paul Henning.
3 June. ST. LOUIS TV. Kamata W Don Sharpe. Jack Donovan W Hunter. Carpentier W Lorenzo Parento. Maynard, Thor Hagen and Guy Mitchell W Arakawa, Viking and Lee Henning.
10 June. ST. LOUIS TV. Maynard D Bob Geigel. Betty Nicoli W Jean Antone. Donovan W Steve Bolus. Reggie Lisowski NC JP Henning. Parento W Adams.
16 June. ST. LOUIS. Angelo Poffo W Kamata. Maynard and Mitchell W Arakawa and Jack Donovan. Dick Afflis D Johnny Valentine. Kiniski W Carpentier. JP Henning, Dory Funk Jr and Wilbur Snyder W Moose Evans, Lisowski and Fritz Von Erich. 11,860 fans
17 June. ST. LOUS TV. Ronnie Etchison W Johnny Kace. JP Henning W Poffo. Myers W Donovan disq. Moose Cholak W Mitchell.
24 June. ST. LOUIS TV. Kamata D Etchison. Maynard W Phil Christy. Donovan W Bob Kappel. Ron Reed W Steve Stanlee. Poffo D Kace.
1 July. ST. LOUIS TV. Kace W Kappel. Cholak W Tiny Mills. Verne Gagne W Kamata. Reed and Snyder W Stanlee and Arakawa.
8 July. ST. LOUIS TV. Geigel W Bill Sky. Maynard W Kace. Reed W Rick Miller. JP Henning W Jim Starr. Poffo D Viking.
15 July. ST. LOUIS TV. Myers D Viking. Reed W Donovan disq. Bob Ellis NC Starr. Lou Thesz W Ox Baker. Maynard W Fank Altman.

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Promoter Sam Munchnick closed out the 1966-67 season at Kiel Auditorium on June 16. Between the end of August 66 and that date, Kiel was the scene of 17 shows. The programs drew a total of 168,935 fans, or an average of 9906 per card. Of the top thirty wrestlers listed in the last issue of MATMANIA, 12 appeared during the season. These included five of the top six, and Verne Gagne came in on July first.

Gagne claimed that he would like to stay in the area and try for a shot at the NWA champion, Gene Kiniski. Gagne has had bouts here during the past two years, but has yet to be a regular performer. We constantly hear rumors of a NWA and AWA merger. Perhaps this would be it. Many of the men in St. Louis work both circuits: Lisowski, Afflis, Valentine, Snyder, Chris Markoff, Arakawa, and now Lou Thesz. Gagne had some real barn-burners with Kiniski four or five years ago and would be my choice to defeat Kiniski. Since Gagne has now re-won the crown from Maurice Vachon, he might be a logical choice to restore a small piece of order to the title mess-up. Of course Kinicki could beat Gagne and do the same thing.

Other newcomers include Jim Starr, Ron Reed and Earl Maynard. The latter went over big here, as he is strong and rough, but might lack the needed size to be a top-notcher. Reed is vastly improved from when he as here three yers ago. He has put on weight and added the sleeper to his repertoire. Starr was very impressive. A beefy 255-pounder who played fullback for Baylor, Starr did very well on the West Coast. He is a grappler of the Bruiser mold but lacks some experience. Remember his name; he will have plenty of main events before his career is finished.

Eduard Carpentier would have to get the prize as top grappler of the season here. This 225 pounder is utterly unbelievable in the ring; what with his fantastic acrobatics. The " Flying Frenchman" earned wins over Waldo Von Erich, Moose Evans, Fritz Von Erich (disq) Mitsu Arakawa, Jack Donovan, the Viking and others. One of the most hilarious matches of the year was his win over Evans. The 5-9 power house made mincemeat of the 6-9, 305 pound Evans.

Champion Kiniski did some good work as he successfully defended his title against Funk Jr, Dick the Bruiser, Lou Thesz, Wilbur Snyder, Pat O'Connor, and Carpentier. He lost a team match with "the Crusher" against Snyder and Bearcat Wright. The 67-68 season opens on August 25. Any bets for a main event? If Gagne stays, how about Gagne versus Thesz?

LIFE RECORD OF BOBBY ORTON

DATE	PLACE	OPPONENT	RESULT
11 Aug 50	St. Louis	Jack Hader	won
13 Nov	Tampa	Lou Thesz	lost
1 Dec	Atlanta	Jack Hader	won
28[illegible]0	Atlanta	Chris Zaharias	No contest
26[illegible]1	Omaha	Emil Dusek	lost
5 A[illegible]	Kansas City	Sonny Myers	drew
16 Apr	Omaha	Mike DiBiase	lost
5 May	Kansas City	with Etchison and Paidousis vs Joe Dusek, Pleshas and Jack Susek	won
19 May	Des Moines	Dennis Clary	lost
21 May	Omaha	Chest Bernard	lost
4 June	Ft. Worth	Angelo Cistoldi	won
5 June	Dallas	Timmy Geohagen	lost
6 June	San Antonio	Angelo Cistoldi	won
15 June	Houston	Rito Romero	drew
18 June	Ft. Worth	Al Lovelock	won
19 June	Dallas	Sonny Myers	lost
20 June	San Antonio	Duke Keomuka	lost
22 June	Houston	Art Nielson	won
26 June	Dallas	Duke Keomuka	drew
28 June	Corpus Christi	Larry King	won
29 June	Houston	with Wayne Martin vs Ellis Bashara and Jerry Meeker	won
3 July	Dallas	Dick Raines	lost
4 July	San Antonio	Johnny Heaming	won
10 July	Delta	Mike Casey	drew
12 July	Corpus Christi	Ellis Bashara	won
20 July	Houston	Bob Gurley	lost
24 July	Dallas, tourney	Wayne Martin	won
		Dick Raines	lost
25 July	Danville	Buck Weaver	won
27 July	Houston	Timmy Geohagen	lost
8 Aug	San Antonio	Buck Riley	won
13 Aug	Ft. Worth	Danny McShain	lost
14 Aug	Dallas	Ellis Bashara	lost
20 Aug	Tulsa	Wayne Martin	lost
22 Aug	Springfield	Wayne Martin	lost
23 Aug	Wichita Falls	Chief White Eagle (Tex Riley)	lost
24 Aug	Oklahoma City	Chief White Eagle	lost
27 Aug	Tulsa	Fabulous Texan (Davis?)	lost
29 Aug	Springfield	Ivan Kalmikoff	lost
11 Sept	San Francisco	Vincent Lopez	drew
18 Sept	San Francisco	Laverne Barter	won
2 Oct	San Francisco	Al Galento	won
9 Oct	San Francisco	Laverne Barter	drew
16 Oct	San Francisco	Lee Heming	lost
27Oct	Fresno	Ben Sharpe	drew
30 Oct	San Francisco	Chico Garcia	won
1 Nov	San Mateo	Vincent Lopez	drew
6 Nov	San Francisco	Tom Rice	lost
13 Nov	San Francisco	Joe Marsh	won disq
17 Nov	Fresno	with Hombre Montana vs Heming and Rice	lost
20 Nov	San Francisco	with Juan Zapada vs Henning and Rice	lost
4 [illegible]	San Francisco	Rube Wright	lost
1[illegible]1	Tom Rice	lost in San Francisco	
11[illegible]52	Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo	Jim Coffield	won
17 Jan	Kansas City	Ray Eckert	won
22 Jan 52	Kansas City	Lou Thesz	lost
31 Jan	Kansas City	Babe Zaharias	won
7 Feb	Kansas City	Enrico Torres	won
14 Feb	Kansas City	Dutch Hefner	won
7 Mar	St. Joseph	with Lou Heinz vs Jack Kennedy and Maurice Roberre	won
9 Apr	Independence, Mo	Richard Dusek	won
9 Apr	Independence	with Heinz vs Richard and Joe Dusek	won
10 Apr	Kansas City	Sonny Myers	drew
17 Apr	Kansas City	Sonny Myers	lost dissq
21 Apr	Omaha	Joe Susk	lost
28 Apr	Omaha	with M. Roberre vs Roberto Rico and Carlos Rodriguez	lost
2 May	Kansas City	Jim Henry	drew
8 May	Kansas City	Bobby Lane	won
12 May	Omaha	Joe Susk Dusek	drew
27 May	Kansas City	Alo Leilani	drew
31 May	Chicago	Jim Dobie	drew
12 June	Kansas City	Ronnie Etchison	drew
25 June	Omaha	Ernie Dusek	drew
2 Aug	Chicago	Bill Krejci	won
9 Aug	Chicago	Joe Adelman	lost disq
11 Aug	Cedar Rapids	Ivan Rasputin	won
22 Aug	Chicago	Jim Dobie	????
17 Sept	Des Moines	Pat O'Connor	lost
20 Sept	Chicago	Jack Carter	won
24 Sept	Des Moines	Pat O'Connor	won
27 Sept	Chicago	Jimmy Graham	won
1 Oct	Des Moines	Bobby Nelson	won
2 Oct	Cedar Rapids	Jim Dobie	lost disq
4 Oct	Chicago	Pete Managoff	won
8 Oct	Des Moines	Ronnie Etchison	won
10 Oct	Chicago	Ronnie Etchison	lost
11 Oct	Chicago	Jim Dobie	won
18 Oct	Chicago	with Nelson vs Anaya and Etchison	lost
20 Oct	Des Moines	Verne Gagne	lost
3 Nov	Omaha	Dave Sims	won
5 Nov	Des Moines	Chest Bernard	lost
7 Nov	Chicago	Verne Gagne	lost
8 Nov	Springfield, Ill	Ronnie Etchison	lost disq
14 Nov	St. Louis	Killer Kowalski	lost
15 Nov	Chicago	Balk Estes	won
18 Nov	Minneapolis	Bob Leipler	drew
22 Nov	Chicago	George Scott	won
29 Nov	Chicago	Larry Hamilton	won
1 Dec	Omaha	Richard Dusek	won
2 [illegible]	Lincoln	Ronnie Etchison	won
6 [illegible]	Chicago	Jerry Wood	won
8 [illegible]	Omaha	Bobby Becker	won
12 Dec	Chicago	Sonny Myers	lost disq
15 Dec	Chicago	Don Beitleman	won
16 Dec 52	Cleveland	Verne Gagne	lost
16 Jan 53	Chicago	Pat O'Connor	lost
17 Jan	Chicago	with Gardini vs Etchison and Myers	lost
23 Jan	St. Louis	Bill Longson	lost
4 Feb	Saratoga Springs	Sonny Myers	lost
26 May	Kansas City	Ernie Dusek	drew
11 June	Kansas City	Joe Dusek	????
15 June	Chicago	Jim Dobie	won
20 June	Chicago	Mike Sipiok	won
23 June	Amsterdam	Killer Kowalski	drew
25 June	Chicago	Bruce Cremberger	won
30 June 53	Syracuse	Hans Schmidt	lost
4 July	Chicago	Mike Blazer	won
9 July	Chicago	Verne Gagne	lost
18 July	Chicago	Billy Darnell	won
20 July	Scranton	Hans Schmidt	lost
31 July	Rock Island, Ill	Hans Schmidt	lost
1 Aug	Chicago	Balk Estes	won
3 Aug	Peoria	with Kay vs Columbo and O'Connor	lost
10 Aug	Syracuse	with Dasmo O'Connor vs Darnell and O'Connor	lost
14 Aug	Albany	with Don Evans vs Darnell and O'Connor	lost
16 Aug	Galesburg	Ronnie Etchison	won
28 Aug	Chicago	Hans Schmidt	lost
29 Aug	Rock Island	with Bernard vs Darnell and Melby	won
5Sept	Rock Island	same as above	lost
23 Sept	Springfield, Ill	Vulcon Eric	lost
25 Sept	Chicago	with Atlas vs Darnell and Melby	lost
28 Sept	Chicago	Verne Gagne	lost
30 Sept	Des Moines	Don Merlin	won
6 Oct	Des Moines	Danny Malone	won
9 Oct	Saratoga Springs	Hans Schmidt	lost
14 Oct	Springfield, Ill	Verne Gagne	lost
23 Oct	Chicago	with Atlas vs Ben and Mike Sharpe	lost
27 Oct	Madison Squares	Tony Martinelli	won
28 Oct	Syracuse	Verne Gagne	lost
4 Nov	Des Moines	Killer Kowalski	lost
6 Nov	Winnipeg	Lu Kima	lost
7 Nov	St. Paul	Sonny Myers	lost
20 Nov	Chicago	Bill Melby	drew
21 Nov	Benton Harbor	with Kay vs Darnell and Melby	lost
15 Dec 53	Sioux City	Ray Gunkel	won
1 Jan 54	St. Joseph	Sonny Myers	won
15 Jan	Waterloo	Verne Gagne	lost
22 Jan	St. Joseph	Roy Graham	won
28 Jan	Kansas City	Dave Sims for U.S. title	won
9 Mar	Sioux City	w Billy McDaniels vs Lisowski and Nielson	lost
11 Mar	Kansas City	w Myers vs Red Berry and El Toro	won
31 Mar	Sioux City	w McDanils vs Lisowski and Nielson	lost
6 Apr	Sioux City	same as above	lost
13 Apr	Sioux City	Bob McCune	won
16 Apr	Chicago	Harry Lewis	won
24 Apr	Chicago	Jack Moore	won
28 Apr	Des Moines	Bobby Nelson	won
4 May	Sioux City	Lou Thesz	lost
7 May	Chicago	Harry Lewis	won
8 May	Chicago	George Babich	won
15 May	Chicago	Earl Fleming	won
29 May	Chicago	Frank Hurely	won
11 June	Chicago	Roy McClarty	lost
25 June	Peoria	Yukon Eric	lost
10 July	Chicago	Chuck Molmar	won
16 July	Chicago	with Rasputin vs Juan Hernandez and M Roberre	won
17 July	Chicago	Harry Lewis	won
9 Aug	Council Bluffs	Roy McClarty	lost
16 Aug	Dubuque	with Hans Herman vs Lisowski and Nielson	lost
25 Aug	Dubuque	Ronnie Etchison	drew
27 Aug	Buffalo	Lucky Simonovich	drew
12 Oct	Sioux City	Larry Hamilton	won
19 Oct	Waterloo	Tony Rocca	lost
20 Oct	Dubuque	Cowboy Carlson	lost
22 Oct	Burlington, Iowa	Verne Gagne	lost
2 Nov	San Francisco	Lucky Simonovich	won
3 Nov 54	San Jose	Juan Humberto	won
5 Nov 54	Richmond, Calif	George Scott	drew
9 Nov	San Francisco	Chico Garcia	won
10 Nov	San Jose	Lucky Simonovich	won
11 Nov	Stockton	with Dubuque and Pico vs Barend, Enrico and Ramon Torres	drew
12 Nov	Richmond	Lucky Simovich	drew
16 Nov	San Francisco	with Pico vs Geohagen and Simonovich	drew
17 Nov	San Jose	with Ben Sharpe vs E. Torres and Jess Ortega	drew
24 Nov	San Jose	with Ben Sharpe vs Ortega and Geohagen	won disq
27 Nov	Fresno	with Dubuque and Lou Pitiscosia vs Geohagen and Enrico and Ramon Torres	won
1 Dec	San Jose	with Ben Sharpe vs Ortega and Geohagen	won
4 Dec	Fresno	Enrico Torres	lost
8 Dec	San Jose	with Al Warsaw vs Torres Bros	lost
15 Dec 54	San Jose	Enrico Torres	lost
8 Jan 55	Fresno	Bud Curtis	won
12 Jan	San Jose	Timmy Geohagen	won
18 (18) Jan	San Francisco	Lou Pitiscosia	???
19 Jan	San Jose	Enrico Torres	drew
21 Jan	Oakland	with Dubuque vs Barend and Nomolleni	won
28 Jan	Oakland	with Dubuqueva Brazil and Nomoleni	lost
25 Feb	Los Angeles	with Humberto vs Jesse James and Alo Leilani	won
16 Mar	San Jose	Don Kindred	won
18 Mar	San Mateo	Ramon Torres	drew
21 Mar	Eureka	Goetge Scott (George)	won
22 Mar	Watsonville	Ramon Torres	drew
23 Mar	San Jose	Jess Ortega	drew
25 Mar	Oakland	with Pazandak vs Michalik and G. Scott	drew

On or about the 26th of January, Bobby had an injury of some sort and was out of action for a very short time. I think the injury was suffered during a bout, but am not sure. In any event, tho, when he came back into action, there is a slight change in his matches. For one thing, he is no longer getting the main events as before. Also, he is hitting the smaller cities in and around northern California. Notice this as we go along.

29 Mar	San Francisco	Johnny Barend	drew
30 Mar	San Jose	Rocky Brown	drew
31 Mar	Stockton	Johnny Barend	drew
1 Apr	San Mateo	w Dubuque vs Michalik and Steve Stanlee	lost disq
2 Apr	Modesto	with Dubuque vs R. Brown and Leilani	N. C.
4 Apr	Eureka	Alo Leilani	drew
5 Apr	Watsonville	with Cistoli vs E. Torres and Barend	lost
6Apr	San Jose	Don Kindred	won
7 Apr	Redding	Verne Taft	won
8 Apr	San Mateo	Verne Taft	won
9 Apr	Modesto	with Bjears vs R. Brown and Michalik	drew
13 Apr	San Jose	Vic Christy	drew
14 Apr	Salinas	w Dubuque vs Torres Bros	lost
15 Apr	San Mateo	George Scott	won
16Apr	Modesto	Alo Leilani	won
18 Apr	Sacramento	George Scott	won
19 Apr	San Francisco	George Scott	won
21 Apr	Stockton	Alo Leilani	won
22 Apr	Santa Rosa	Aldo Bogni	won
25 Apr	Modesto	Johnny Barend	lost disq
26Apr	Watsonville	with Ben and Mike Sharpe vs Christy, Ortega and Ramon Torres	lost disq
27 Apr	San Jose	Gene Dubuque	dual disq
30 Apr	Modesto	Gene Dubuque	won disq
3 May	San Francisco	Aldo Bogni	won
5 May 55	Modesto	Vic Christy	lost disq

6 May 55	Richmond	Pete Peterson	won
10 May	Watsonville	with Ortega vs Barend and Christy	lost
11 May	San Jose	Johnny Barend	drew
25 May	San Jose	Rikidozan	lost disq
1 June	San Jose	with Dubuque vs Gens and Steve Stanlee	lost disq
4 June	Fresno	with Kiniski vs Barend and E. Torres	lost
7 June	San Francisco	Leo Nomolani	lost
24 June	Oakland	Vic Christy	lost
29 June	San Jose	Greg Jarque	drew
2 July	Modesto	with Blears vs Stanlee Bros	lost
5 July	Watsonville	Jess Ortega	won disq
9 July	Modesto	Baron Gattoni	drew
11 July	Sacramento	Johnny Barend	lost disq
12 July	San Francisco	Greg Jarque	lost
7 Oct	St. Joseph, Mo	Sonny Myers	drew
12 Oct	Des Moines	Leo Wallick	won
18 (19)	Sioux City	Verne Gagne	lost
19 Oct	Des Moines	Hans Schmidt	lost
20 Oct	Kansas City	Joe Millich	won
28 Oct	St. Joseph	Ray Villmer	lost
1 Nov	Sioux City	w. Lisowski vs Brunetti and Tangero	lost
2 Nov	Waterloo	Roy McClarty	lost
8 Nov	Sioux City	with Lisowski vs Brunetti and Tangero	lost
9 Nov	St. Joseph	Larry Hamilton	???
9 Nov	Waterloo	with Don Lee vs Brunetti and Tangero	lost
15 Nov	Sioux City	Tony Rocca	lost
16 Nov	Des Moines	with Harry Lewis vs Brunetti and Tangero	lost
17 Nov	Dubuque	with Myers vs Brunetti and Tangero	lost
18 Nov	St. Joseph	Tony Rocca	lost
Looks a little like Frank Hickey's record			
21 Nov	Waterloo	Chet Wallick	won
24 Nov	Milwaukee	Verne Gagne	lost
24 Nov	St. Joseph	Sonny Myers	???
30 Nov	Waterloo	Verne Gagne	lost
1 Dec 55	Denver	Roberto Pico	won
3 Jan 56	Sioux City	[illegible] Richard Brown	drew
6 Jan	St. Joseph	with Plechas vs DiBiase and Bibber McCoy	lost
9 Jan	Wichita	Richard Brown	lost
2 Feb	Columbus	with Dan Miller or Bill Miller vgs Bobby Bruns and Sonny Kargis	???
16 Feb	Columbus	Red Lyons	lost
24 Feb	St. Joseph	with Joe Dusek vs R. Brown and DiBiase	won
27 Feb	Wichita	Bibber McCoy	won
2 Mar	St. Joseph	Sonny Myers	won
31 Mar	St. Joseph	Ronnie Etchison	lost
7 Apr	St. Joseph	Mike DiBiase	won
18 Apr	Des Moines	with Bruns vs DiBiase and Joe Dusek	won
19 Apr	Dodar Rapids	Verne Gagne	lost
3 May	Denver	Don Leo Jonothan	lost
4 May	St. Joseph	Joe Dusek	won
11 May	St. Joseph	Lee Grable	lost
10 Sept	Albuquerque	John Tolos	won disq
18 Oct	Amarillo	with John Tolos vs Nielson and Rip Rogers	lost disq
18 Oct	Amarillo	Art Nielson	lost
25 Oct	Amarillo	Golden Terror	drew
29 Nov	Amarillo	Hans Schnable	won
6Dec	Amarillo	Hans Schnable	won
13 Dec	Amarillo	Ray Gunkel	lost
20 Dec 56	Amarillo	Juan Humberto	lost
7 Jan 57	Ft. Worth	Prince Maivia	won
14 Jan	Ft. Worth	Prince Maivia	lost
31 Jan 57	Kansas City	Larry Hamilton	won
8 Feb 57	St. Joseph	w Rip Hawk vs Koenig and Myers	???
25Feb	Omaha	with Hawk vs Hamilton and Myers	won
28 Feb	Kansas City	same as above	won
28 Feb	Kansas City	Larry Hamilton	drew
7 Mar	Kansas City	with Hawk vs Hamilton and Myers	won
14 Mar	Kansas City	Golden Terror	won
28 Mar	Kansas City	Mike DiBiase	lost
9 Nov	Kansas City	with Hawk vs Thor Hagen and Bruns	???
29 Nov 57	St. Joseph	Ronnie Etchison	???

If anyone can tell me what happened to Bobby during the rest of 1957, I'd be obliged.

8 Jan 58	Los Angeles	with Berry vs Al Kashey and Christy	won
10 Jan	Oceanside Park	Dutch Schultz	won
11 Jan	San Bernadino	Sammy Berg	won
13 Jan	Hollywood	Sammy Berg	won
14 Jan	San Diego	Pierre LaBelle	won
15 Jan	Los Angeles	with Berry vs Kashey and Martinsdale	won
18 Jan	San Fernando	Jesse James	won
20 Jan	Hollywood	Charro Arteca	drew
21 Jan	San Diego	Sammy Berg	won
22 Jan	Los Angeles	with Berry vs Kashey and LaBelle	won
27 Jan	Hollywood	Lou Klein	won
28 Jan	San Diego	Samber Szabo	lost disq
29 Jan	Los Angeles	Sammy Berg	drew
3 Feb	Hollywood	Aldo Bogni	won
15 Feb	San Bernadino	with Berry vs Arteca and Pepper Gomez	lost
18 Feb	San Diego	Pepper Gomez	lost

During this time, Berry was managing Bobby Orton. Every time they would be interviewed, Berry would do all the talking (so what else is new?) and Bobby would nod his head "yes" and say something along the line of "Du, yeah, yeah." It was a wild combo. The best stooge since Mortimer Snerd.

20 Feb	San Bernadino	Sammy Berg	won
22 Feb	Palm Beach	Sammy Berg	won
26 Feb	Los Angeles	with Berry vs Gomez and Berg	won
8 Mar	San Bernadino	with Berry vs Szabo and Gomez	drew
15 Mar	San Bernadino	Lou Thesz	lost
22 Mar	San Bernadino	Hardy Kruskamp	drew
30 May	St. Joseph	with Otto von Krupp vs Joe Scarpa and Myers	won
6 June	St. Joseph	Otto von Krupp	lost
10 Oct	St. Joseph	Ike Eakins	won
16 Oct	Kansas City	with Lee Henning vs War Cloud and Villmer	drew
17 Oct	St. Joseph	Tito Carreon	won
23 Oct	Kansas City	Bob Ellis	drew
23 Oct	Kansas City	with Geigel vs Ellis and Myers	lost
24 Oct	St. Joseph	Suni War Cloud	???
30 Oct	Kansas City	with Geigel vs Ellis and Myers	won
31 Oct	St. Joseph	in tourney for Central States title	lost
8 Nov	Kansas City	with Eakins vs Ellis and Villmer	drew
13 Nov	Kansas City	Ray Villmer	drew
13 Nov	Kansas City	with Eakins vs Ellis and Villmer	lost
14 Nov	St. Joseph	Suni War Cloud	???
20 Nov	Kansas City	Ike Eakins	won
21 Nov	St Joseph	with Geigel and Lee Henning vs Hagen, Ellis and Villmer	???
28 Nov	St. Joseph	Ray Villmer	???
4 Dec	Kansas City	with Henning vs Eakins and Villmer	???
18 Dec	Kansas City	with Henning and Atlas vs	

18 Dec 58 (19)	St. Joseph	with Henning vs Ellis and Myers	???
2 Jan 59	St. Joseph	with Atlas and Henning vs Ellis and Larry and Joe Hamilton	lost
8 Jan	Kansas City	Joe Scarpa	won
15 Jan	Kansas City	Thor Hagen	lost
18 Jan	Oklahoma City	Pampero Firpo	lost
23 Apr	Amarillo	Danny Plechas	lost
30 Apr	Kansas City	Pete Downey	won
1 May	St. Joseph	with Otto von Krupp vs Costello and Hefferman	???
7 May	Kansas City	Roy McClarty	lo
14 May	Kansas City	with Atlas vs Costello and Hefferman	w
15 May	St. Joseph	Jim LaRock	NC
21 May	Kansas City	Ray Gordon	drew
22 May	St. Joseph	Jim LaRock	lost
29 May	St. Joseph	Lou Spindola	won
21 Sept	Albuquerque	Doug Donovan	won
1 Oct	Amarillo	Nick Roberts	NC
12 Oct	Albuquerque	with Roberts vs Jaun Garcia and Luis Rodriguez	???
19 Oct	Albuquerque	with Plechas vs Garcia and Chief Round Table	???
25 Oct	Oklahoma City	Pampero Firpo	lost
29 Oct	Amarillo	Taro Myalki (Myaki)	???
19 Nov	Amarillo	Al Perez	lost
26 Nov	Amarillo	Taro Myaki	NC
18 Dec 59	Berger	El Gordo	won
28 Jan 60	Omaha	Ernie Dusek	lost
4 Feb	Kansas City	with Roberts vs Myaki and Don Lee	drew
5 Feb	St. Joseph	Lee Henning	lost
11 Feb	Kansas City	with Joe Hamileton vs Henning and Myaki	won
12 Feb	St. Joseph	with Roberts vs Don Lee and Henning	lost
19 Feb	St. Joseph	Lee Henning	lost
26 Feb	Omaha	Otto Von Krupp	???
18 May	Honolulu	with Hans Herman vs Jerry Gordetto and Nick Kozak	drew
26 May	Honolulu	with Herman and Curtis Ianksa vs Elliot Hardy, Lolotai and Nomolani	lost
1 June	Honolulu	Al Lolotai	lost
9 June	Kansas City	Emil Dusek	won
10 June	St. Joseph	Thor Hagen	lost
16 June	Kansas City	with Hagen vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	lost
23 June	Kansas City	Joe Costello	won
24 June	St. Joseph	Emil Dusek	drew
25 June	Waterloo TV	Thor Hagen	lost
2 July	St. Louis TV	Sammy Ford	drew
2 July	Waterloo TV	Ray Gordon	won
9 July	Waterloo TV	Thor Hagen	drew
15 July	Waterloo	with Atlas vs Gordon and Hagen	lost
16 July	Waterloo TV	with Bill Cole vs Gordon and Hagen	lost
23 July	Omaha	Jack Pesek	drew
29 July	Waterloo	Thor Hagen	won
12 Aug	Waterloo	Thor Hagen	won
20 Aug	Waterloo TV	Don Lee	NC
26 Aug	Waterloo	Don Lee	lost
27 Aug	Waterloo TV	Franklin Hickey	won
27 Aug	St. Louis TV	Thor Hagen	drew
3 Sept	Waterloo TV	Bill Cole	won
3 Sept	St. Louis TV	Ray Gordon	drew
9 Sept	Waterloo	Don Lee	lost
10 Sept	Waterloo TV	Ray Gordon	dr
15 Sept 60	Kansas City	with Hagen vs Hawk and Rock Hunter	wo
17 Sept 60	Waterloo TV	Joe Costello	won
17 Sept	St. Louis TV	Bob Ellis	lost
22 Sept	Kansas City	Frank Townsend	drew
26 Sept	Cedar Rapids	George Drake	drew
30 Sept	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	wl
Made a boo boo date same, place same		with Stasiak and Paidousis vs Townsend, Hagen and John Paul Henning	lost
1 Oct	Omaha	Otto Von Krupp	lost
7 Oct	St. Joseph	Sonny Myers	lost
10 Oct	Cedar Rapids	Thor Hagen	won
21 Oct	St. Joseph	with Myaki vs Myers and J.B. Henning	lost
23 Oct	Cedar Rapids	John Paul Henning	drew
27 Oct	Kansas City	Nick Roberts	drew
28 Oct	St. Joseph	with Don Lee vs Townsend and J.P. Henning	won
29 Oct	Waterloo TV	Gory Guerrero	won
4 Nov	St. Joseph	Stan Stasiak	lost
5 Nov	Waterloo TV	Nick Roberts	lost
10 Nov	Kansas City	George Drake	won
13 Nov	Waterloo	Don Lee	won
25 Nov	St. Joseph	with Stasiak vs Myers and Hagen	???
27 Nov	Waterloo	Thor Hagen	won
3 Dec	Omaha	with Atlas vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	lost
10 Dec	St. Louis TV	with Don Lee vs JP Henning and Myers	lost
15 Dec	Kansas City	Thor Hagen	drew
16 Dec	St. Louis	Doug Lindsey	lost disq
22 Dec	Kansas City	Joe Hamilton	won
29 Dec 60	Kansas City	Doug Gilbert	drew
23 Dec 60	Waterloo TV	Mike Paidousis	won
30 Dec 60	St. Joseph	Doug Gilbert	???
30 Dec	St. Joseph	with Larry Hamilton and Don Lee vs Myers, Gilbert and Joe Hamilton	???
The first team, with Orton, had Lee Henning. Sorry, allsies.			
5 Jan 61	Kansas City	with Stasiak vs Joe Hamilton and Hagen	???
6 Jan	St. Joseph	with Don Lee vs Drake and Roe Hamileton	???
12 Jan	Kansas City	with Von Goering vs Parente and JP Henning	lost
19 Jan	Kansas City	with Don Lee vs JP Henning and Myers	lost
20 Jan	Omaha	Yukon Eric	lost
27 Jan	St. Joseph	Thor Hagen	???
28 Jan	Waterloo TV	Ray Gordon	lost disq
3 Feb	St. Joseph	Lorenzo Parente	won
4 Feb	Waterloo TV	Tommy O'Toole	won
9 Feb	Kansas City	with Stasiak vs Myers and JP Henning	drew
11 Feb	St. Louis TV	Jim LaRock	lost disq
12 Feb	Waterloo	Billy Cox	won
17 Feb	St. Joseph	Sonny Myers	???
18 Feb	St. Louis TV	Guy Hill	drew
19 Feb	Waterloo	Sonny Myers	lost
24 Feb	St. Joseph	Happy Humphrey	?
25 Feb	Waterloo	Johnny Rebel	w
9 Mar	Kansas City	with Henning vs Medics	lo
10 Mar	St. Joseph	Ronnie Etchison	won
16 Mar	Kansas City	with Henning vs Medics	lost
16 Mar	Omaha	Roy McClarty	lost disq
24 Mar	St. Joseph	Jim LaRose (Guy)	???
25 Mar	Omaha	with Don Lee vs Bill and Dan Miller	lost
26 Mar	Waterloo	Sonny Myers	lost
30 Mar	Washington TV	Abe Jacobs	won
1 Apr	Long Island City	Sandor Kavcos	won
4 Apr	Long Island City	Arnold Skaaland	won
6Apr	Washington TV	Sandor Kevacs	won
11 Apr	Sunnysdie	Abe Jacobs	won
13 Apr	Washington TV	with Rogers vs Jacobs and Sanchez	won

20 Apr 61	Washington TV	El Kapitan		won
25 Apr	Sunnyside	Jerry London		won
27Apr	Washington TV	Sandor Kovacs		won
28 Apr	Bridgeport TV	with Rogers vs Jacobs and Kovacs		won
4 May	Washington TV	with Rogers vs London and Sam Rivera		won
6 May	Philadelphia	with Rogers and Great Scott vs		
		Mark Lewin, Don Curtis and Siki		lost
8 May	Washington	with Rogers vs Darnell and Steinborn		won
9 May	Sunnyside	Miguel Torres		won
y	Washington TV	Abe Jacobs		won
y	Long Island City	Pat O'Connor		drew
22 May	Washington TV	with Rogers vs Sanchez and Rivera		won
23 May	Baltimore	Johnny Valentine		NC
24 May	New York City	Billy Darnell		drew
25 May	Washington TV	with Rogers vs Darnell and Bill Zbyszko		won
26 May	The Garden	wirh Rogers vs Apollo and Valentine		drew
29 May	White Plains	Billy Darnell		won
30 May	Long Island City	Primo Carnera		lost
3 June	Long Island City	Pablo Iturbi		won
5 June	Paterson	Billy Darnell		won
5 June	Washington	with Costello and Hefferman vs		
		Valentine, Art Thomas and Siki		lost
6 June	Long Island City	Arnold Skaaland		won
8 June	Washington TV	Joe Garcia		won
10 June	Newark	Art Thomas		???
12 June	The Garden	with Rogers vs Rocca and Apollo		won
13 June	Long Isaldn City	with Rogers vs Darnell and Zbyszko		won
15 June	Washington TV	w Roger s vs Jean Baillargeon and Darnell		won
17 June	Long Island City	Sam Rivera		won
19 June	New York City	Dick Steinborn		drew
20 June	Baltimore	Johnny Valentine		drew
21 June	Commack	Johnny Valentine		drew
23 June	New York City	with Rogers vs Rocca and Apollo		lost
24 June	Philadelphia	Regi Siki		drew
26 June	Perth Amboy	w Larry Simon vs Rocca and Lalo Rodriguez		lost
lalo is now better known as Ciolon Negra.				
27 June	Long Island City	Pete Sanchez		won
29 June	Washington TV	with Scott vs Lewin and Curtis		lost
30 June	Chicago	Dick Steinborn		won
1 July	Bridgeport	Regi Siki		NC
4 July	Sunnyside TV	Jack Ostermiller		won
7 July	Baltimore	Billy Darnell		won
8 July	Atlantic City	Bill Zbyszko		won
10 July	Washington	with Buddy Rogers and Bobby Davis vs		
		Thomas, Siki and Valentine		lost
11 July	Long Island City	Dick Steinborn		drew
12 July	Denville, N.J.	with Rogers vs Thomas and Siki		NC
13 July	Washington TV	Pete Sanchez		won
15 July	Bridgeport TV	Tomas Marin		won
18 July	Long Island City	Tomas Marin		won
19 July	Commack	Ted Lewin		won
22 July	Long IsaldCity	Johnny Valentine		lost
22 July	Philadelphia	Regi Siki		lost
25 July	Baltimore	Tony Rocca		lost
26 July	Long Beach, N.J.	Bill Zbyszko		won
26 July 61	The Garden	with Davis vs Steinborn and Skaaland		won
29 July	Chicago	Regi Siki		won
g	Bridgeport TV	Doug Kinslow		won
	Washington	with Rogers vs Rocca and Valentine		lost
g	Newark	with Rogers vs Thomas and Siki		won
14 Aug 61	Alexandria	wirh Davis vs Steinborn and Darrnell		won
15 Aug	Baltimore	Fred Atkins		won
19 Aug	Long Island City	Billy Darnell		won
19 Aug	Newark	with Rogers vs Thomas and Siki		lost
21 Aug	Freeport	with Davis vs Thomas and Siki		won
22 Aug	Long Island City	Jean Baillargeon		won
24 Aug	Washington TV	John Heath		won
25 Aug	The Garden	with Rogers vs Rocca and Valentine		won
29 Aug	Baltimore	Johnny Valentine		lost
31 Aug	Staten Island	Red Bastien		won
1 Sept	Chicago	Johnny Valentine		lost
18 Sept	The Garden	with Rogers vs Costello and Hefferman		lost
22 Sept	White Plains	Regi Siki		drew
23 Sept	Philadelphia	Sam Rivera		won
25 Sept	Washington	with Rogers and Davis vs		
		Costello, Hefferman and Berry		???
28 Sept	Washington TV	with Scott vs Carlo Milano and Kinslow		won
3 Oct	Long Island City	with Scott vs Marin and Zbyszko		won
5 Oct	Washington TV	with Scott vs Zbyszko and Jarque		won
7 Oct	Bridgeport	Pete Sanchez		won
10 Oct	The Garden	with Rogers vs Rocca and Perez		lost
12 Oct	Washington TV	with Scott vs Kinslow and Zbyszko		won
14 Oct	Long Island City	with Scott vs Sammartino and Calhoun		drew
14 Oct	Philadelphia	Tony Rocca		lost
16 Oct	New York City	with Rogers vs Rocca and Perez		lost disq
17 Oct	Long Island City	with Von Hews vs Lewin and Curtis		lost
20 Oct	Chicago	with Rogers vs Sammartino and Valentine		lost
24 Oct	Baltimore	Jean Baillargeon		won
28 Oct	Bridgeport TV	with Scott vs Milano and Zbyszko		won
2 Nov	Washington TV	with Scott vs Zbyszko and Skaaland		won
3 Nov	White Plains	with Scott vs Darnell and Apollo		won
4 Nov	Paterson	with Scott vs Rocca and Perez		lost disq
7 Nov	Baltimore	Doug Kinslow		won
11 Nov	Teaneck	with Scott vs Apollo and Calhoun		???
14 Nov	Long Island City	with Scott vs Baillargeon and Skaaland		won
18 Nov	Jersey City	with Scott vs Thomas and Siki		???
22 Nov	Commack	with Scott vs Rocca and Perez		???
24 Nov	Island Gardens	with Scott vs Baillargeon and Jolly Cholly		won
25 Nov	Bridgeport TV	with Scott vs Sanchez and Tony Cosenza		won
27 Nov	New York City	with Scott vs Rocca and Apollo		lost
30 Nov	Washington	with Scott vs Skaaland and Baillargeon		won disq
2 Dec	Bridgeport TV	with Scott vs Darnell and Ballergeon		won disq
5Dec	Baltimore	Billy Darnell		lost
8 Dec	Chicago	Tony Rocca		lost disq
9 Dec	White Plains	with Scott vs Rocca and Skaaland		lost
11 Dec	The Garden	with Scott vs Thomas and Siki		won
15 Dec	West Hempstead	with Scott vs Rocca and Perez		lost
	Long Island City	same as above		lost
	Bridgeport TV	with Scott vs Sanchez and Jarque		won
	Baltimore	Bearcat Wright		lost
26 Dec 61	Washington TV	Greg Jarque		won
2 Jan 62	Sunnyside	with Scott vs Jarque and Ian Campbell		won
4 Jan	Washington TV	with Scott bs Bastein and Milano		won
16 Jan	Sunnyside TV	with Scott vs Milano and Skaaland		won
20 Jan	Bridgeport TV	with Scott vs Cholly and Skaaland		won disq
22 Jan	The Garden	with Rogers vs Wright and Valentine		won
23 Jan	Sunnyside TV	with Scott vs Larry Gagner and Campbell		won
30 Jan	Sunnyside TV	with Scott vs Bud Cody and Gordon Nelson		won
1 Feb	Washington TV	with Scott vs Skaaland and LeRock		won
12 Feb	The Garden	with Rogers vs Valentine and Ellis		lost
15 Feb	Washington TV	Greg Jarque		won
22 Feb 62	Washington TV	with Rogers vs Valentine and Sanchez		won
26 Feb 62	The Garden	with Rogers vs Valentine and Ellis		lost
19 Mar	The Garden	with Scott vs Shohei Baba and Susuzki		NC
29 Mar	Washington TV	with Scott vs Cody and Nelson		won
11 Apr	Commack	with Scott vs Valentine and Ellis		lost
21 Apr	Bridgeport TV	with Scott vs Cody and Nelson		won
19 May	Sunnysdie	with Altemore vs Ellis and Brazil		lost
25 May	The Garden	Bobo Brazil		lost
2 June	Newark	with Scott vs Darnell and Ted Lewin		won
9 June	Sunnysdie	with Scott vs Costello and Hefferman		NC
12 June	Sunnyside	with Scott vs Rocca and Perez		lost
18 June	Perth Amboy	with Scott vs Valentine and Ellis		lost
20 June	Commack	wame as above		lost
29 June	Waterloo TV	Bob Boyer		won
4 Aug	Waterloo TV	w Henning and Vulture vs		
		Myers, Hagen and Bill Dromo		lost
4 Aug	Waterloo TV	Bill Dromo		won
11 Aug	St. Louis TV	with Danny Dusek vs Valentine and Ellis		lost
17 Aug	St. Louis	Bill Dromo		drew
8 Sept	Cedar Rapids	Sonny Myers		won
16 Sept	Waterloo	Pat O'Connor		lost
21 Sept	St. Joseph	in tourney won by Buddy Austin		
27 Sept	Kansas City	Pat O'Connor		lost
4 Oct	Kansas City	Bill Dromo		won
5 Oct	St. Joseph	with Geigel vs Hagen and Jewell		won
11 Oct	Kansas City	Raplh Bartelsman		???
18 Oct	Kansas City	Verne Gagne		lost
19 Oct	St. Joseph	Sonny Myers		???
1 Nov	Kansas City	with Henning vs O'Connor and Myers		lost
3 Nov	Omaha	Red Bastien		drew
8 Nov	Kansas City	Lee Henning		???
9 Nov	St. Joseph	Matt Jewell		won
10 Nov	Omaha	Bobby Managoff		lost
13 Nov	Minneapolis	with Zukov vs D. Gilbert and Steinborn		lost
30 Nov	St. Joseph	Thor Hagen		???
7 Dec	St. Joseph	Lee Henning		lost
15 Dec	Cedar Rapids	Pat O'Connor		lost disq
18 Dec 62	Minneapolis	Moose Evans		lost
6 Jan 63	Omaha	Bob Ellis		lost
19 Jan	Cedar Rapids	Ray Gordon		lost disq
26 Jan	St. Joseph	Bob Geigel		lost
27 Jan	Waterloo TV	Sonny Myers		drew
1 Feb	St. Joseph	Jack Mills		won
10 Mar	Cedar Rapids	Pat O'Connor for U.S. title		won
15 Mar	Omaha	Guy Mitchell		drew
10 Mar	Waterloo TV	Ray Gordon		won
17 Mar	Cedar Rapids	Pat O'Connor		won
17 Mar	Waterloo	Pat O'Connor		won
17 Mar	Waterloo TV	with Henning vs Alaskan and Gordon		lost disq
19 Mar	Dubuque	Ray Gordon		won
24 Mar	Cedar Rapids	Luther Lindsey		drew
29 Mar	St. Joseph	Joe Scarpello		drew
30 Mar	Waterloo	Alaskan		lost disq
6 Apr	Cedar Rapids	Luther Lindsey		lost
7 Apr	Waterloo TV	with Zukov vs Bolus and Steve Kovacs		lost
8 Apr	Topeka	with Kovacs vs Tiny Mills and Henning		won
13 Apr	Cedar Raipds	Luther Lindsey		won
14 Apr	Waterloo TV	Ramon Lopez		won
5 May	Waterloo TV	Ken Jay		won
10 May	St. Joseph	Steve Kovacs		lost
11 May	Waterloo	Luther Lindsey		won
18 May	Waterloo	Sonny Myers		lost disq
25 May 63	Waterloo TV	Guy Taylor		won
		Steve Bolus		drew
25 May 63	Waterloc	Sonny Myers		won
1 June	Waterloc	Sonny Myers		lost
8 June	Waterloc	Pat O'Connor		won
9 June	Waterloc TV	Lee Henning		drew
15 June	Waterloc	Lee Henning		won
16 June	Waterloc TV	Tom Hawk		won
23 June	Waterloc TV	Johnny Kace		won
25 June	Waterloc	Sonny Myers		won
29 June	Waterloc	Verne Gagne		lost disq
13 July	Cedar Rapids	Pat O'Connor		lost
16 July	Waterloo	in royal won by Tiny Mills		
6 Aug	Independence, Iowa	with Rock Hunter vs O'Connor and Geigel		lost
10 Aug	Cedar Rapids	Pat O'Connor		lost
24 Aug	Waterloo	Pat O'Connor		lost
31 Aug	Cedar Rapids	Harley Race		won
1 Sept	Waterloo	w L. Hamilton vs Gr almire and Race		NC
1 Sept	Waterloo	Jim Grahmire		won
7 Sept	Dubuque	Great Mortimer		won
9 Sept	Des Moines	Great Mortimar		won disq
14 Sept	Waterloc	Larry Hamilton		lost
20 Sept	St. Joseph	Jack Allen		drew
21 Sept	Cedar Rapids	Jack Allen		won
22 Sept	Waterloo TV	George Drake		won
28 Sept	Cedar Rapids	Larry Hamilton		lost
8 Oct	Tampa	Steve Kovacs		won
11 Oct	Tampa TV	Joe Scarpello		won
15 Oct	Tampa	Luke Brown		won
18 Oct	Tampa TV	Steve Bolus		won
22 Oct	Tampa	Jake Smith		won
25 Oct	Tampa TV	Steve Kovacs		won
29 Oct	Tampa	Chief Crazy Horse		won
1 Nov	Tampa TV	Jake Smith		lost disq
5 Nov	Tampa	Don Curtis		won
8 Nov	Tampa	Donnie Lewin		won
19 Nov	Tampa	Eddie Graham		won
26 Nov	Tampa	Chief Crazy Horse		won
3 Dec	Tampa	Lou Thesz		drew
6 Dec	Tampa TV	Leone Martin		won
10 Dec	Tampa	Don Curtis		won
13 Dec	Tampa TV	Jack Allen		won
17 Dec	Tampa	Chief Big Heart		won
20 Dec	Tampa TV	Chief Crazy Horse		drew
25 Dec	Tampa	John Paul Benning		won
27 Dec	Jacksonville	Eddie Graham for title		won
27 Dec 63	Tampa TV	Chief Crazy Horse		won
1 Jan 64	Tampa	with Malenko vs Mark Lewin and Curtis		lost
5 Jan	Tampa TV	Dory Funk Jr		lost disq
7 Jan	Tampa	with Malenko vs M. Lewin and Curtis		lost
9 Jan	Jacksonville	with Malenko and Komaka vs		
		Graham, M. Lewin and Curtis		lost
10 Jan	Miami Beach	Mark Lewin		won
10 Jan	Tampa TV	Don Curtis		drew
13 Jan	Orlando	Don Curtis		drew
14 Jan	Tampa	w. Malenko vs Graham and Calhoun		lost disq
16 Jan	Jacksonville	w. Malenko vs Lewin and Curtis		lost
17 Jan	Miami Beach	Eddie Graham		drew
21 Jan	Tampa	in cryal won by Calhoun		
28 Jan	Tampa	Eddie Graham		won
30 Jan	Jacksonville	Don Curtis		???
18 Feb	Tampa	w Malenko vs Graham and Ellis		lost
25 Feb	Tampa	Haystacks Calhoun		lost disq

3 Mar 64	Tampa	Bob Ellis	lost
3 Apr	Tampa TV	Arnold Skaaland	won
7 Apr	Tampa	Jim Bernard	won disq
10 Apr	Tampa TV	Danny Little Bear	won
14 Apr	Tampa	Skull Murphy	lost disq
14 Apr	Tampa	Jim Bernard	won
17 Apr	Tampa TV	Eddie Graham	lost
21 Apr	Tampa	Bob Ellis	lost disq
28 Apr	Tampa	Bob Ellis	lost
30 Apr	Jacksonville	w. Malenko vs Ellis and Graham	???
1 May	Miami Beach	Don Curtis	won
5 May	Tampa	Eddie Graham	lost
7 May	Jacksonville	Bob Ellis	???
8 May	Sarasota	Tim Woods	lost disq
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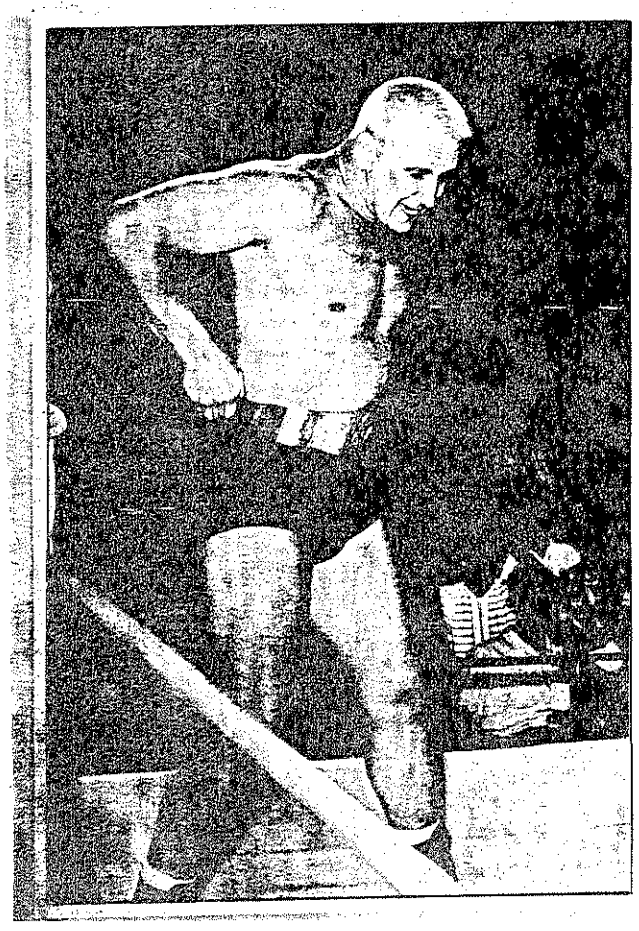
12 May	Tampa	Eddie Graham	won
13 May	Sarasota	w Antone Leone vs Ellis and Woods	won disq
14 May	Jacksonville	Bob Ellis	won
15 May	Tampa TV	w. Leone vs Tinker Todd and Pepe Perez	won
18 May	Lakeland	Abe Jacobs	won
19 May	Tampa	w Leone vs Woods and Gechagen	won
21 May	Jacksonville	Eddie Graham	lost disq
22 May	Tampa TV	Bob Ellis	lost disq
25 May	Largo	Bob Ellis	lost
26 May	Tampa	w Leone vs Graham and Ellis	won
27 May	Sarasota	w Leone vs Jacobs and Curtis	won
28 May	Jacksonville	w Leone vs Graham and Ellis	lost
29 May	Tampa TV	Tim Woods	won
1 June	Orlando	w Leone vs Ellis and Graham	won
2 June	Tampa	Sam Steamboat	lost
4 June	Tampa	Bob Ellis	lost
6June	Lakeland	Mike Paidousis	won
9 June	Tampa	w Leone vs Chris and John Tolos	lost disq
11 June	Jacksonville	Eddie Graham	won
16 June	Tampa	Sam Steamboat	lost disq
18 June	Jacksonville	Abe Jacobs	won
23 June	Tampa	Hiro Matsuda	won
25 June	Jacksonville	w Leone vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
27 June	Lakeland	w Leone vs Curtis and Jacobs	lost
30 June	Tampa	w Leone vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
2 July	Jacksonville	Don Curtis	drew
4 July	Lakeland	Don Curtis	lost disq
7 July	Tampa	Sam Steamboat Orton won	lostx
9 July	Jacksonville	with Chris and John Tolos vs Graham, Steamboat and Curtis	lost
13 July	Orlando	w Matsuda vs Jacobs and Curtis	won
14 July	Tampa	Lou Thesz	lost
16 July	Jacksonville	w Matsuda vs Chris and John Tolos	won
18 July	Lakeland	Sam Steamboat	lost disq
20 July	Orlando	w Matsuda vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
21 July	Tampa	Sam Steamboat	drew
23 July	Jacksonville	w Matsuda vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
24 July	Tampa TV	w Marsuda vs Jacobs and Jerry Miller	won
25 July	Lakeland	w Matsuda vs Jacobs and Danny Hodge	draw
27 July	Orlando	same as above	lost
28 July	Tampa	w Matsuda vs Hodge and Tony Marino	won disq
30 July	Jacksonville	Sam Steamboat	lost disq
4 Aug	Tampa	w Matsuda vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
6 Aug	Jacksonville	Sam Steamboat	???
7 Aug	Tampa TV	Tony Marino	won
8 Aug	Lakeland	w Matsuda vs Jacobs and Marino	lost
11 Aug 64	Tampa	w Matsuda vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
12 Aug 64	Miami Beach	Sam Steamboat	???
13 Aug	Jacksonville	Tony Marino	won disq
14 Aug	Miami	w Matsuda vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
15 Aug	New Bern TV	w Matsuda vs Jacobs and J. Miller	won
17 Aug	Orlando	Lou Thesz	lost
18 Aug	Tampa	with Matsuda and Paudousis vs Hodge, Graham and Steamboat	lost
20 Aug	Jacksonville	w Matsuda vs Graham and Steamboat	lost
22 Aug	Lakeland	Tony Marino	won
24 Aug	Orlando	Sam Steamboat	won
25 Aug	Tampa	w Paidousis vs Grahm and Steamboat	lost
28 Aug	Tampa TV	Steve Bolus	won
29 Aug	Jacksonville	Tony Marino for title	lost
1 Sept	Tampa	Tony Marino	drew
3 Sept	Jacksonville	Tony Marino for title	won
That has to be about as short a reign as title-holder as there is. Right????			
1 Sept try 5	Lakeland	w Paidousis vs Graham and Pat O'Hara	lost
7 Sept	Orlando	Danny Hodge	lost disq
8 Sept	Tampa	Eddie Graham	drew
11 Sept	Miami Beach	Sam Steamboat	drew
12 Sept	Lakeland	Pat O'Hara	won
14 Sept	Tampa TV	Danny Hodge	drew
15 Sept	Tampa	Tarzan Tyler	lost
17 Sept	Jacksonville	Danny Hodge	won
19 Sept	Lakiland	Pat O'Hara	won
22 Sept	Tampa	Eddie Graham	lost
24 Sept	Jacksonville	Tony Marino	won
26 Sept	Yakiland	Tarzan Tyler	won
28 Sept	Tampa TV	Sam Steamboat	won
1 Oct	Kansas City	with L. Hamilton vs Von Stroheims	won
2 Oct	St. Joseph	in royal won by Don Slatton	
3 Oct	Cedar Rapids	Don Jardine	won
4 Oct	Waterloo TV	Jack Johnson	won
9 Oct	St. Joseph	Larry Hamilton	lost
10 Oct	New Bern TV	Danny Hodge	drew
10 Oct	Cedar Rapids	Bob Geigel	won disq
17 Oct	Waterloo	Bob Giggle	won
18 Oct	Dubuque	with T. Mills vs Myers and Moose Evans	drew
18 Oct	Dubuque	Skull Von Stroheim	won
18 Oct	Waterloo TV	Kurt Von Stroheim	won
24 Oct	Waterloo	Joe Scarpello	won
24 Oct	Cedar Rapids	Pat O'Connor	lost disq
25 Oct	Waterloo TV	Joe Scarpello	won
31 Oct	Waterloo	Don Slatton	lost
1 Nov	Waterloo TV	Paul Caruso	won
1 Nov	Dubuque	Pat O'Connor	drew
5 Nov	Kansas City	Pat O'Connor	lost
6 Nov	St. Joseph	Don Slatton	drew
7 Nov	Waterloo	Don Slatton for U.S. title	lost
12 Nov	Kansas City	Don Jardine	won
16 Nov	Tampa TV	Tarzan Tyler	won disq
24 Nov	Tampa	Sam Steamboat	won
26 Nov	Jacksonville	Tarzan Tyler	won
27 Nov	St. Petersburgh	Tony Marino	won
30 Nov	Orlando	w Matsuda vs Assassins	drew
1 Dec	Tampa	Tarzan Tyler	won
3 Dec	Jacksonville	w Matsuda vs Tarzan and Tim Tyler	lost
8 Dec	Tampa	same as above	won disq
9 Dec	Sarasota	Lou Thesz	drew
10 Dec	Jacksonville	Freddie Blassie	won disq
14 Dec 64	Orlando	Tarzan Tyler	NC
14 Dec	Tampa TV	The Rebel	won
15 Dec	Tampa	with Matsuda vs Tylers	won
The Rebel above is probably Joe Scarpa???			
17 Dec	Jacksonville	with Matsuda vs Tylers	lost
22 Dec	Tampa	Pat O'Hara	won
25 Dec	St. Petes	Lou Klein	won
26 Dec	Jacksonville	with Eddei Graham and Steamboat vs Tylers and Billy Strong	won
28 Dec	Tampa TV	Tony Marino	won
29 Dec 64	Tampa	Tarzan Tyler	lost
1 Jan 65	St. Petes	Dick Steinborn	lost disq
2 Jan	Tampa TV	Tony Marino	won
5 Jan	Jacksonville	Abe Jacobs	won
6 Jan	St. Petes	Tito Carreon	won
9 Jan	Lakeland	Dick Steinborn	drew
11 Jan	West Palm Beach	Rito Carreon (Luis Hernandez)	???
12 Jan	Tampa	George Drake	won
14 Jan	Jacksonville	Tarzan Tyler	lost
15 Jan	Clearwater	Sam Steamboat	drew
This is where that name came from, Lena.			
16 Jan	Palatka	Freddie Blassie	lost
19 Jan	Tampa	Danny Miller	drew
22 Jan	St. Petes	Danny Miller Orton lost	draw
26 Jan	Tampa	Freddie Blassie	lost
29 Jan	St. Petes	Tarzan Tyler	lost
1 Feb	Tampa	with Steamboat vs Blassie and Tyler	lost
2 Feb	West Palm Beach	Chief Little Eagle	won
5 Feb	St. Petes	Tarzan Tyler	won
6Feb	Lakeland	Tarzan Tyler	won
8 Feb	Orlando	Freddie Blassie	won
10 Feb	Sarasota	Tarzan Tyler	lost
12 Feb	St. Petes	Danny Miller	drew
15 Feb	Tampa TV	George Drake	won
15 Feb	Orlando	Tarzan Tyler	lost
18Feb	Tampa	Freddie Blassie	won
18 Feb	Jacksonville	George Drake	drew
23 Feb	Tampa	Danny Miller	lost
26Feb	St. Petes	George Drake	won
28 Feb	Clearwater	in royal won by Calhoun	
1 Mar	West Palm Beach	Haystacks Calhoun	lost
2 Mar	Tampa	Danny Miller	lost
4 Mar	Jacksonville	Danny Miller	lost
6 Mar	Lakeland	Danny Miller	lost
8 Mar	Orlando	Danny Miller	???
9 Mar	Jacksonville	Danny Miller	lost
I wonder if Orton and Miller have ever wrestled?			
12 Mar	Miami Beach	Tarzan Tyler	???
15 Mar	West Palm Beach	George Drake	???
16 Mar	Tampa	Dick Steinborn	won
19 Mar	St. Petes	Danny Miller	lost
20 Mar	Leesburg, Flo.	Dick Steinborn	???
22 Mar	Jacksonville	Dick Steinborn	drew
23 Mar	Tampa	Tarzan Tyler	???
25 Mar	St. Petes	Sam Steamboat	won
26 Mar	Miami Beach	with Dromo vs Kentuckians	lost
28 Mar	Clearwater	same as above	lost disq
29 Mar	Orlando	w Dromo vs Steinborn and Miller	won
1 Apr	Jacksonville	w Dromo vs Drake and Little Eagle	won
April Fool !!!			
2 Apr	St. Petes	w Dromo vs Miller and Steinborn	lost
3 Apr	Leesburg	w Dromo vs Kentuckians	???
12 Apr 65	Tampa TV	Tony Marino	won
13 Apr	Tampa	Danny Miller	drew



Bobby Orton met virtually every top notch wrestler of the past 15 tears. In the record enclosed, he met a total of 306 different men, winning 275 bouts against 212 losses. He had a total of 66 different tag partners, and he faced these partners a total of 41 times. He appeared in 110 different cities in 26 states of the union. The leaders in states were California with 20 different cites at which he appeared, New York with 15, and Florida with 13.

A rough, tough man in the ring, the above record tells little about the man. To really beleive him, you have to see him in action. That is exactly what he is: all action. His tactics have often gotten him dasqualified, as he belives it is better to give than receive; the oftener the better. A man of many facets, all of them of a rather evil nature, Orton is one of the wildest men to ever step into the squared circle.

From the time of about the mid-fiftes to the present, Bobby has been recognized as one of the best around. He has held numerous regional titles including the Texas crown, the Heart of America title, the U.S. title, and the Southern area title. Several of these titles, he has held on two or more occassions. Generally recognized as one of the thrity or forty best men in the world of wrestling, he easily deserves his high ranking.

There is the other side of this record, tho. A man, to be recognized as one of the tops in the world would indicate that there are others better than him. Thus it is with Bobby Orton, the Big O. His record includes many losses, as mentioned above. It seems that every time he went in against one of the men ranked above him, he got slapped down. He also has losses to men who are not wuite the best in the world. In short, which is the real Bobby Orton: the man with the 275 wins, or the man with the 212 losses?

I dislike saying this, but Orton is one of the best around; of that there is little doubt. But there are many men better than he. With his skill, ability and roughness, tho, he is in any match all the way. With his pile driver, especially to the cement floor, his favourite landing spot of late, he is defenitely a threath to any and every man around. Ask such opponents as Bobby Shane, Tim Woods, Ronnie Etchison and so forth. The Big Zero still has it all. He is good enuff to beat the majority of men, as his record would indicate.

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There are many men who use aliases in the ring at one time or another. This includes Orton. There is one year, 1959, during which we have few results on him. After this life record was formulated, I found that Bobby had wrestled during that time under such an alais. Does anyone, besides me and the person who told me, know who it is? One clue: three different men used this one alias over the years. And by coincidence, at about the same time. In that 58 and 59 time area. Let me know if you know, okay.

Several years ago, there were articles in all of the major magazines about the team of Eddie Graham and Bobby Orton. Two dreaded enemies, they suddenly started working together, with Big Bob becoming a heroic type of wrestle. As noticed in the record, tho, they had only one match as partners. Unless, of course, this series took place after our record leaves off, in early '65. Dates, please, would be helpful.

Appearing now in the Omaha, Lincoln area, Bob is still terrorizing his opponents and the fans. Recently he sent young Bobby Shane to the hospital with his devastating pile driver, throwing the speedster to the cement floor and hospitazing him. The fans do not acre for the 240 pound villain due to his thudderous tecniques in the ring. I do not blame them, as The Big Zero is one of thw wildest of all time.

RESULTS FROM THE AWA

23 June. CHICAGO. Jack Lanza W Joe Tomasso. Johnny Valentine W Guy Heenan. Lou Thesz W Moose Choalk. Wilbur Snyder vs Johnny Powers, dual disq. Angelo Poffo and Chris Markoff W Ernie Ladd and Earl Maynard. Verne Gagne W Mitsu Arakawa disq.
24 June. MINNEAPOLIS. Kenny Jay D George Gadaski. Stan Kowalski W Bob Boyer. Valentine W Billy Wicks. Henning and Race W Rene Goulet and Thesz disq. Powers W Reggie Lisowski.
30 June. MILWAUKEE. Henning and Race W Dick Afflis and Lisowski. Araka wa D Dale Lewis. Kowalski W Cholak disq. Goulet W Markoff.
1 July. OMAHA. Orton W Shane. Doug Gilbert W Harley Race. Darling Dagmar W Diamond Lil. Lewis W Steve Bolus.
7 July. CHICAGO. Tomasso W Jack Tate. Ladd D Cholak. Thesz W Powers. Markoff and Poffo W Goulet and Lanzo. Afflis W Race. Gagne W Arakawa.
8 July. LINCOLN. Bob Geigel W Gadaski. Jack Pesek W Lewis disq. Gilbert W Kowalsk Goulet W Orton disq. Gilbert won real.
15 July. OMAHA. Pesek W Boyer. Ronnie Etchison W Tor Kamata. Lewis W Geigel. Orton W Gilbert disq.
15 July. INDIANAPOLIS. Tomasso W Jphn Paul Henning. Combs W Sarah Susan. Destroyer D Reg Parks. Lanza W Cholak. Afflis and Lisowski W Poffo and Markoff. Arakawa W Lou Thesz disq.
21 July. MILWAUKEE. Powers W Gagne disq. Henning and Race W Thesz and Goulet. Chris Markoff W Eddie Sharkey. Lanza W Mark Starr.

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/The AWA is again looking up, as Jack Lanza, the Cowboy star, has turned villain. Now called Black Jack Lanza, he turned on partner Rene Goulet in Chicago, and has since wrestling dirty. Newcomers Eddie Sharkey, Lou Thesz and later Toi Yamata all add a great deal of class to the area. Add in visits from Etchison, Geigel, Bolus, and Kamata, and all is well.

That match which Thesz lost to Mitsu Arakawa in Indy was one of the raunchiest deals in the history of wrestling. Thesz had accidentaly hit the refereee and while helping him back to his feet was attacked by Mitsu. The ref, seeing only that Thesz was down, immediately gave the match to the Japanese grappler. Our correspondent had never seen Lou before, and had to be helped from the arena, bawling at the iniuscite of it all.

The visit by Wicks is of slight importance. He has often visited the Twin Cities in times past, but seldom for more than just the one or two matches. He is a good wrestler and would be a welcome addition, if he stayed around for any length of time. Common Billy, stick for a while, okay?

The Destroyer in question, above on Indy card, may or may not be the real one. My guess is that it is Guy Mitchell, he twhat used to tag team with Tomasso. I do wish I knew for sure, tho.

Mark Starr often wrestles as the Shiek in and around Indy and area. A guy who often has himself billed as the borther of Ricki, he is an all action guy but will never make it to the top until he makes it on his own. This routine of using other mens reputation is not good for the wrestler involved or for the fans. Markie Boy, lots get with it, okay?

Eddie Sharkey is one of the top junior heavyweights in the world today. A fast, exciting young wrestler, he has everything it takes to make it to the very top of the wrestling heap. Hailing from Minneapolis, he was trained by one of the greatest wrestlers of all time, the present AWA champion, Verne Gagne. Ed has been taking the West Coast by storm, but is a welcome addition to his native area. A hearty welcome

For the first time since we began rating tag teams, the team of Al Costello and Karl Von Brauner were knocked out of first place. At the time, we stated that it would take a good team to do the trick, and that is what happened. The team of Larry Henning and Harley Race did the trick. To show the reason why we have rated this team first, just check their record against other top teams. Below, is that record.

10 Jan	Fargo	Reg Parks and Doug Gilbert	won
14 Jan	St. Paul	Alaskan and Stan Kowalski	won
18 Jan	Denver	Lisowski and Igor Vodik	won
21 Jan	Milwaukee	Parks and Gilbert	won
28 Jan	St. Peter, Minn	Parks and Gilbert	won
4 Feb	Minneapolis	Alaskan and Kowalski	won
15 Feb	Denver	Afflis and Lisowski	NC
21 Feb	Moline	Afflis and Lisowski	NC
26 Feb	St. Paul	Ernie Ladd and Earl Maynard	lost disq
1 Mar	Denver	Afflis and Lisowski	won
6 Mar	Moline	Alaskan and Tiny Mills	won
13 Mar	Denver	Snyder and Ladd	won
19 Mar	St. Paul	Maynard and Ladd	won disq
5 Apr	Denver	Hodge and O'Connor	won
19 Apr	Denver	Lisowski and Snyder	lost disq
23 Apr	Minneapolis	Mynard and Ladd	lost disq
1 May	Moline	Maynard and Ladd	won
5 May	Milwaukee	Lisowski and Thesz	NC
6 May	St. Paul	Lisowski and Thesz	NC
18 May	Amarillo	Ricky Romero and Jarry Kozak	won
26 May	Milwaukee	Lisowski and Afflis	lost disq

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During the five month period above, they beat or won in 25 tag contests, beating every team against whom they wrestled at least once, with the one exception of Thesz and Lisowski. They lost only four bouts, those all on disqualification. They had five matches declared "no contest", thus retaining their high ranking. No other team comes remotely close to this record, not even Costello and Von Brauner.

Many people do not like Henning and Race due to their tactics in the ring, but give justice where it is due; they know how to win matches. Bending the rules, perhaps, but win they do. It is a bit surprising when you think about it; it just proves that "blondes do have more fun."

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Of the bouts listed above for Henning and Race, four of them have been against the team of Parks and Gilbert, with the AWA champs winning them all. Six of them have been against the team of Afflis and Lisowski, with Henning and Race winning one, losing one, having two NC and two on which I have no result. In short, against their two most formidable opponents, they have a combined record of five wins and one loss. You can't get much better than that.

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A thot just occured to me: I have no record of these men having appeared in Omaha during the period above. It might be interesting to see them against a team such as Orton and Lewis. Or Shane and Reed? Twould be fun watching that first one; pity the poor referee, tho, trying to keep order with those four going at it. Twould be a free-for-all guaranteed to make strong men faint and women cry. And I would love it to death. May the stangest team win.

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At this time, I would like to mention the life histories that we have done in the past issues of MATMANIA, and will be doing in future issues. Thus far, we have done histories on Roy McClarty, Verne Gagne, Pat O'Connor, Lou Thesz, Sander Szabo, Don Eagle, Bobby Orton, Bill Miller, Johnny Valentine and Buddy Rogers. We have copies of most of these available, in our old copies and issues. In the future issues, we will be including life histories on such wrestlers as Bob Ellis, Freddie Blassie, Gene Kiniski, Killer Kowalski, Fritz Von Erich, Dick Afflis, Reggie Lisowski, Bobby Managoff, Bill Longson, Primo Carnera, Yukon Eric, plus many other top stars. When, depends on how rapidly we get the necessary material.

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Many of you will not believe this, but I do not make up those life histories. We have to have the old results to fully complete the various histories. Thus it is that we need your help in this collection. If you have the time and the means to do any of this, please let me know. I am sure you will find it an interesting, informative hobby; digging in old newspapers.

In any current month, we get about three hundred complete cards from around the country and the world. As everyone knows who has followed wrestling for any length of time, we have fewer matches now than in times past. So, a month of results from, say the early or mid fifties, would be about double our present figure, or about six hundred cards per month. As many as we get now, we still miss more than half the available results, as noted from the brief scetches we do of the various stars, like the Vachon bit in this issue. With the aforementioned 300, we get only half of the results, or about half, that is. In times past, we do even worse. There are many years in which I don't have three hundred cards for the complete year. Only in two of them, 1948 and 1959, do I have anything remotely close to complete coverage, and even then, I almost completely miss the results from the entire South; Florida, the Carloinas, and so forth.

As can be imagined, it is impossible to do the life histories with the results. It is likewise impossible to do the results collection without the help of each and every fan in the world of wrestling. If you would like to help us, please, please, a thousand times please, let me know; I am sure I can give you enuff to keep your little fingers busy.

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A life history is one of the easiest ways of our showing the respect and admiration due a wrestler. I would like to at one time or another do life histories on each and every man who has ever held a major title; or all those men holding an imprtant regional title for any lenght of time; or any of the men who appeared against any of the above for any appreciable number of times; or any and all men who wrestled professionally and actively for twenty years or longer; or any and all men who were serious contenders, even if for a shorter period of time. In short, life histories on each and every man who ever wrestled for any appreciable length of time. Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha... This would certianly include all of those men now rated in our top 30 ratings, or those men who are close to that rating. Basically speaking, the list of men on whom I would like to do life histories includes everyone. Simple enough?

I realize that these might not be of complete interest to each and every member of MATMANIA, thus we have the old results club, whose members will receive those histories not of general interest. Also the lists of favourites, so that we will know who likes who sufficntiently (enuff) to warrant receiving the history in question. In short, if the history is not of general interest, they will go only to the mebers of the old results club and to other interested parties.

I am not afraid of work; everyone who knows me will agree with that, I think. So lets not be afraid of overworking the poor ole guy. The more the merrier, on these results, the life histories and everything else pertaining to wrestling.

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REAL NAME	OTHER RING NAME USED
Johnny Kostas	Pedro Vargas
Jim Barnard	The Brute, Mad Man Martin
Pedro Morales	John Kilonis
Luis Hernandez	Rito Carreon, Luis Garcia
Great Lothario	Joe Garcia
Len Montana	Len Crosby
Gene Kiniski	Gene Kelly, the Texan Champ of the fifties
Jim Dalton	Jimmy Dykes
Jack Dalton	Jack, Don Colt
Soldeir Barry	Ed Sharpe
Malcolm Ruby	Mickey Sharpe
Dave Ruhl	Raplh Bartleman, Black Bart
Bob Brown	Bill Green remember this one
Jack Wilson	the original Karl von Brawner
Mister Kleen	Ernie Bemis

The Avenger in the South right now is Al Torres, brother of Enrico and Ramon

Jack Crawford	Black Jack, of the Atlanta area
Tojo Yamamoto	P.Y. Chung of the Carloinas

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Note that one on Bob Brown; he didn't change his name, only his color.

Ansers for last months Wrestling IQ

The amjor wrestling arenas in Detroit, Cobo Hall; San Francisco, the Cow Palace; Los Angeles, Olympic Auditorium; Manchester, England, Belle Vue Hall; Dallas, the Sprtatorium.

Favourite Holds: Curtis Laukea, the Big Splash; Ray Stevens, the Buns Away; Verne Gagne, the Sheeper; Johnny Powers, the figure four leg lock; Jack Lanza, the bulldog headlock.

Nicknames: Reggie Lisowski is the Crusher; Dick Afflis is the Bruiser; Ernie Bemis is the Brute.

Name five people who have been the Executioner in the past five years: Tarzan Tyler, Ben and Mike Sharpe, Vic Christy, Johnny Heideman, Frank Marconi and Rock Hunter, Hunter, the Sharpes and Christy all wrestled under the above name in Hawaii over the years. The other three are all currently active under this name.

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I had to think long and hard to get all of the answers, and I made up the darned thing. I hope everyone else did better than I. More of these later.

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THIS NEXT IS VERY IMPORTANT. VERY, VERY IMPORTANT

We have had tons of people requesting info about buying programs. I now have available literally tons of old programs, mainly from Texas from 1955 thru 1965. If you would like to buy any of these, let me know. They are only ten cents each, with the minimum order being ten at one time. PLEASE include an extra 15 cents for the cost of handling and postage. Also allow up to one week for, mean two weeks for arrival. Thse programs are all brand new and in excellent order. Only thing, tho, we can not send any particular ones, such as to year or inclusion of photos of any particular person. First come first served on thse; there is only a limited number of them, so ruoh.

The following article originally appeared in the Los Angeles Evening Tribune. The writer is Loel Schrader. I do not know the date.

YESTERDAY'S HEROS

Jimmy Londos reitered as world wrestling champion in 1946 and has never looked back.

"Except for a few benefit shows, I haven't been to a match in 20 years," says Londso, who reigned as champion in a pre-gimmick era of wrestling. " I don't even watch the matches on television."

Londos, who lives is semi-retirement in Escondido, refuses to knock the profession that brought him fame, fortune and travel.

"If there's anything wrong with wrestling, it's because the athletic commissions aren't enforcing the rules," asserts Londos. "Usually a business is as good as the people in it."

Londos, who emigrated to the United States from Greece in 1912, won the world titile in 1930, then lost it to Danno O'Mahoney in 1934.

"Iasked for a rematch but never got it," he recalls. "So I took a trip around the world, wrestling in various places, and came back to the U.S. in 1937. By that time, Bronko Nagusrki was champion. We met on Nov 27, 1937, and I won."

Londos never lost another match.

"I knew I couldn't go on forever, so I quit before somebody gave me a good licking," he says.

Londos' career includéd nearly 3,000 matches and he met all of the greats of his era: Ed (Strangler) Lewis, Everett Marshall, Ray Steele, Jim Browning and others.

"I was lucky to come into wrestling when I did," says Londos. "Many of the good wrestlers were on their way down."

Londos is reluctant to choose one opponent as his toughest, but rates Lewis the "best defensive wrestler we ever had."

Since moving to Escondido in 1950, Londos has been rasing oranges, lemons and avocados on a 20-acre plot of land. He is, however, giving up that activity.

"I'm subdividing some of the land and selling a few lots," je says. "I may even put up a house or two."

At 70, Londos still exercises daily and drives twice a week to San Diego for work outs at the YMCA gymnasium.

His favourite subject is his family: wife Arva and daughters Diana, 22, Domitra, 20, and Christine, 14.

"I'm very thankful the Almighty has given me a wonderful family and health," says Londos. "What more can a man want?"

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Jim Londso was beyond a doubt one of the greatest wrestlers who ever lived. Many people will even say he is THE greatest, as he included a vast repetoire of holds in the ring. He had a few matches as late as 1959, usually only one or two a year, and I was lucky enuff to have seen him during that time. Even then, a man of about 50, he had enough to beat men like Ted Christy, Wee Willie Davis, and so forth. There is a story concorning an old wrestler, possibly Jeemy, which barés retelling. No longer the formidable wrestler of yesteryear, he had been hanging on, so to speak. A young man on the way up decided to drop the ex-champion to build up and immediate reutation. Our hero, the oldster, whispered to the rising star to "take it easy on the old man." Time after time, tho, the kid did all in his power to trip up the champ. Finally, the oldster reached back into the past for that little extra, picked up his opponent and gave him a thrashing body slam to the mat, knocking the wind out of the kid and getting the pin and match. As the kid was waking up in the dressing room, the ex-champion walked over to him and said "Thanks for making me look good."

We tried, recently, to make the life history of Londos. His career covered the period of early 1920 to the '59 period, well over thirty years. He beat almost every top wrestler during that period. As mentioned above, he was beyond any doubt, one of, if the greatest wrestler of all time.

NEWS AND RESULTS FROM LENBANON

1 May. All from Beirut. Prince Kumali of South Africa W Omer van Dershvern of Switzerland. Greco W Karl Von Chenok of Germany. George Gasparian of France W Battling Levinsky of Belgium. The Mansour Brothers W The French Teddy Boys, Claude Gesca and Marcel Maneveau.
2 May. Ali Ben Agdar of Algeria W Gesca. Von Chenok W Maneveau. Kumali W Greco. John Saade the Emir Mansour W Levinsky. Gasparian W Van Dershvern.
3 May. Maneveau W Agdar. Greco W Van Dershvern. Von Chenok W Gasparian. Andre Saade, the Shiek Mansour W Levinsky. Kumali W John Saade.
4 May. Greco W Gesca. Kumali W Gasparian. Andre W Maneveau. Von Chenok W Agdar. Van Dershvern W Levinsky.

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6 May. Gilles Voiney of France W Joseph Aramoni of Lebanon. Steve Valdo of Italy lost to a 375 Lebanese Attelio Dacu. Nejib Nohra of Lebanon W Frank Valois.
7 May. Sugar Daddy Zimba of Sierra Leone KO Valdo. Voiney W Valois.

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20 May. Ray Hunter of England NC with a bearded man who weighs 40 stones. Dikran Nazarian of Lebanon W Al Hayes.
21 May. Bearded Man W Hayes. Dikran W Hunter.
22 May. Hayes W Hunter. Dikran W Bearded Man.

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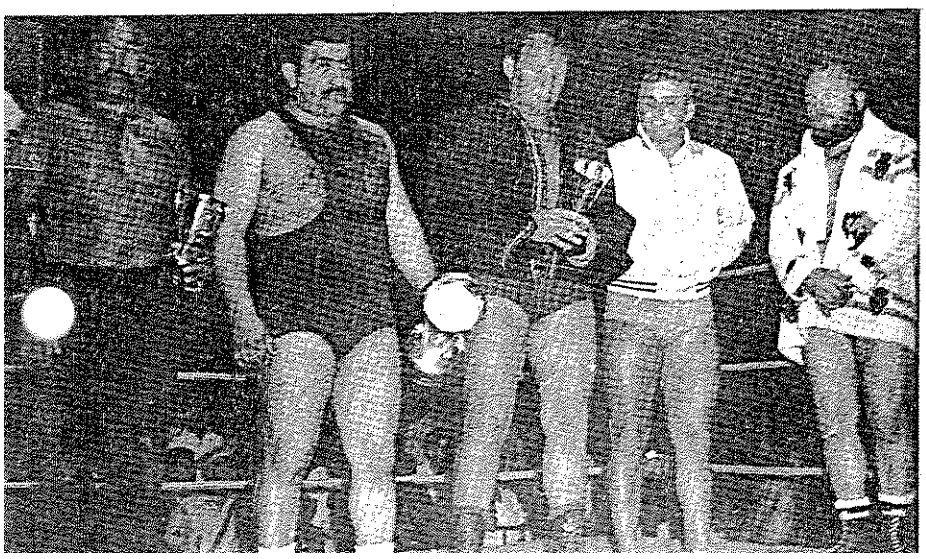
20 May. Garo Katcharian of Lebanon W Frank Vuller of Germany. Don Stedman of England NC Tarras Bulba. Yuri Borienko of Russia W Johnny Allen of England. Tony Rocca of Italy and Assad Srour of Lebanon W Wildcat Garcia of Mexico and John Cox of England.
21 May. Stedman KO Cox. Borienko W Vuller and Rocca. Katcharian W Garcia. Bulba KO Anouar Ziad of Lebanon. Srour W Allen.
22 May. Garcia W Vuller. Borienko W Stedman. Bulba W Katcharian. Allen W Rocca. Srour W John Cox.
23 May. Katcharian W Rocca. Stedman W Garcia. Allen W Vuller. Borienko W Cox. Assad Srour NC Tarras Bulba.
24 May. Cox W Vuller. Allen W Garcia. Bulba W Stedman. Borienko W via KO Katcharian. Srour W Tony Rocca.
25 May. Katcharian W Garcia. Rocca W Vuller. Allen W Cox. Bulba W Borienko. Srour W Docker Don Stedman.
26 May. Allen W Stedman Cox W Rocca. Katcharian W Vuller. Bulba W Wildcat Garcia. Srour W Borienko.
27 May. Anouar Zeid W Rocca. Stedman W Katcharian. Borienko W Garcia. Cox W Allen. Srour W Bulba.
Ratings: 1, Assad Srour; 2, Tarras Bulba; 3, Yrui Borienko; 4, Johnny Allen; 5, John Cox; 6, Garo Katcharian; 7, Don Stedman; 8, Tony Rocca; 9, Wildcat Garcia; 10, Frank Vuller.

Tarras Bulba Yuri Borienko Don Stedman
Assad Srour Tony Rocca



Dikran Nazarian is 5'10" tall and weighs 245; he is the official champion of Lebanon. Assad Srour is the International champion known as the Lion of Lebanon. Sorry, "The Tiger of Lebanon. Both Anouar Zeid and Garo Katcharian are mid-heavyweights.

That match on the 21st, Zeid had several bad cuts in his head, and had to be taken to a hospital. Bulba hit him with everything in the area. Zeid had six stiches taken in his head.

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The men wrestling in Great Brittain wrestle at various weight classes, as indicated by the ratings appearing in MATMANIA. To fully understand that area's wrestling we need to know the approximate weight of each man involved, therefore, we are listing the men involved by weight class. Below is that list as of the end of July.

LIGHTWEIGHT. The weight limit is less that 154 pounds.

Ignatious and Tony Borg (Malta)
Zoltan Boscik (Budapest)
Jim Breaks (Bradford)
Mike Eagers (Sheffield)
Peter and Jon Cortez (Dulwich)
Gary Marsh (Wimbledon)
Julien Morice (Tolouse, France)
Johnny Williams (Cardiff)
Roger Green (Havant)
Mel Riss (Rockdale)
Ted Pollard (London)
Billy Blackfoot (Liverpool)
Mike Bennett (Bradford)
Tony Costas (Cyprus)
Chris Bailey (Brixton)
Jim McKenzie (Dundee)
Alan Miquet (Brixton)
Young Robby (Surrey)
Ian Gilmore (Middlesboro)
George Kidd (Dundee)
Alan Bardouille (West Indies)

WELTERWEIGHTS. Weight limit, must be less than 165.

Bobby Barnes (Lewisham)
Linde Caulder (West Indies)
Alan Colbeck (Wakesfield)
Barry Cannon (Bradford)
Terry Downs (Manchester)
Alan Dennison (Denholme)
Len Hurst (West Indies)
Ken Joyce (Rushden (
Jeff Kaye (Hull)
Mick McManus (New Cross)
Mick McMiachael (Highbury)
Adrian Street (Cardiff)
Tony St. Clair (Cornwall)
Terry Nylands (Manchester (
Alan Woods (Bolton)
Jack Fallon (Manchester)
Ted Hannon (Dundee)
Dick Conlon (Lewisham)
Steve Clements (Huddersfield)
Sid Cooper (Bradford)
Eddie Capelli (Wimbledon)
Johnny Eagles (Manchester)
Leon Fortuna (Tonga)
Terry Jowett (Wakefield)
Colin Joysnson (Manchester)
Jim Mellor (Stoke)
Ray McGuire (Wickford)
Alan Sergeant (Romford)
Peter Szakacs (Budapest)
The Scprion (masked man from ???)
Keith Williams (Bolton)
Roy Woods (Manchester)
Kim Kendo (Fulham)
Dave Ramsden) (Ossett)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS AND LIGHT*HEAVYS. Weight limit for Middles is under 176. For Light-heavys, under 198.

Spencer Churchill (Kew)
Charlie Fisher (Eltham)
Steve Haggetty (Fulham)
Tug Holton (Waterloo)
Johnny Kwango (West Africa)
Steve Logan (Brixton)
Don Mitchell (Bradford)
Dave Phillips (Camberwell)
Antonio Rocca (Sono)
Bert Royal (Bolton)
Pasquale Salvo (Bermonsdey)
Clayton Thomson (Glasgow)
Kalmon Gaston (Budapest)
Chic Purvey (Dundee)
Vic Faulkner (Bolton)
Eric Curtler (Manchester)
Ray Fury (Eltham)
Al Fontayne (Bethnal Green)
Les Herberts (Warrington)
Les Kellett (Bradford)
Harry Kendall (Lewisham)
Dave Morgan (Cardiff)
Frank O'Donnell (Donesgall)
Tiger Ryan (Tipperary)
Terry Rudge (Dunstable)
Peter Rann (Camden Town)
Reg Trood (Kensington)
Brian Trevors (Filby)
Abe Ginsberg (Manchester)
Ivan Penzekoff (Bolton)
John Foley (Leigh)
Bullwhip Griffin (????)

Just a note here: a catch-weight contest is any in whcih men from two or more weight classes compete. Okay?

7 June. EASTBOURNE. Cortez Bros W Street and Stefan Milla. Eagers D Miquet. Regan W Johnny Yearsley. Rocca W Ron Fury.
7 June. YARMOUTH. Kwango and Caulder W Haggetty and Fontayne. Zarnoff D Oscar Verdu Reg Trood W Salvo. Kirkwood W Charlie Fisher.
8 June. MALVERN. White Ealges KO Black Diamonds. Clements W Joe Critchely. Roy St Clair W Zimba. Matu KO Peter Stewart.
8 June. PETERBORO. Borg Bros W Barnes and Boscik. Rocca W Yearsley. Kirkwood W E. Hart. Capelli W J. Williams.
8 June. WIMBLEDON. Nelson W Barrett disq. Logan W Spencer Churchill. Ken Joyce W Roger Green. Mister X W Tug Holton.
8 June. WESTBURY. Kendall and Eagers W Tiger Ryan and Ivan Penzekoff. Don Stedman vs Veidor, dual KO. Miquet W Fortuna. Rudge W Conlon.
9 June. LIVERPOOL. Szakacs Bros W Diamonds. Nagasaki W Hussey. Colin Joynson W Mike Sanchez. Bioly Joyce W Hussey.
9 June. CLACTON. Pallo W Haggetty. Hayes W Czeslaw. Hurst D Salvo. Sergeant W via KO Johnny Williams.
9 June. BOLTON. St Claris dual KO with White Ealges. Bartelli W Borienko. Arras W Zimba. Peter Stewart KO Mike Dallas.
10 June. NORWICH. Veidor W Logan. Jon Cortez W Barnes. Mister Big D Yearsley. Grant W Pollard.
10 June. BELLE VUE. Robinson W John Lees. Johnny Allen W Arras. Purvey W Sanchez disq. Eagers D Clements.
10 June. NEWCASTLE. Geoff Portz W Barry Douglas. Faulkner D Caulder. Morice W Breaks for, no not yet. Peter Preston W Mick McMichael.
10 June. HANLEY. Szakacs W Black Daimonds. Nagasaki KO Hussey. Davies W Borienko. Bennett W Dave Barrie.
12 June. LEEDS. Bartelli W Yearsley disq. Marino W Morgan. Masambula W Paul Luty. J. Williams KO Purvey. Carmon W Jack Dempsey.
13 June. EDINBURGH. Kellett W Hussey disq. Eagers D Eagles. Saville W Purvey disq Tom Dowie W Ian Neill.
15 June. WIMBLEDON. Kellett W Doug Joyce. Veidor W Borienko. Marino W Regan. Bob Barnes W Stefan Milla.
15 June. BRISTOL. Logan W Kirkwood. Zaranoff D Raoch. Kwango KO Haggetty. Grant W Conlon. Sergeant KO Fortuna.
16 June. BOLTON. Robeinson W Davies. Pallo W Keith Williams disq. Melwyn Riss W Bennett. Kaye D Clements.
16 June. CLACTON. McManus W Kango. Zimba D Kirkwood. P. Szakacs W Bailey. Capelli W Young Robby.
17 June. BELLE VUE. Enrique Edo Juan W Stedman disq. Portz D Marino. Douglas KO Sharron. Miquet W Kaye.
17 June. PORTSMOUTH. Dennisons W Dortez bros. Arras and Graham W Barnes and Street disq. Arrasw and Graham W Demisons. Nagasaki W Zaranoff.
19 June. CHELTENHAM. J. Williams W Robby. Veidor W Bruno Elrington disq. Davis KO Kirkwood. Gaston KO Penzekoff.
20 June. WOLVES. Robinson W Marino. Shah KO Matu. Arras and Logan W Czeslaw and Lew Kellett, remember this bout. P. Szakacs W Earl Blackfoot.
21 June. SHEFFIELD. Miquet W Breaks. Juan W John Cox. Allen W Yearlsey disq. Joynson D Rocca. Morgan NC Graham.
22 June. SOUTHAMPTON. Barrett W Garfield. T. Szakacs D Zaranoff. Kellett W Steve Haggetty. Rann W Penzekoff.
22 June. WIMBELEDON. Veidor W Davis. Murray W Peter Cortez. Ray McGuire D Jon Cortez. Salvo KO Rudge.
23 June. BOLTON. Eagles KO Purvey. Kellett and Bill Howes W Arras and Logan.
23 June. CLACTON. Nelson KO Veidor. Rocca KO Fontayne. Maxine KO Fortuna. Tony Borg W Steve Clements.
24 June. NORWICH. Barrett W Verdu disq. Hayes W Stedman. Kwango KO Penzekoff. Maxine D Ken Joyce.
24 June. NEWCASTLE. Kidd W Morice in defense of his world lightweight title. Miquet W Breaks to win British lightweight title. Lees D Allen. Faulkner W Al Dennison disq
24 June. BELLE VUE. Capelli W Cooper. Billy Joyce W Shah. T. Szakacs W Bill Rawlings. Benny Ginsberg W Eagles.

Since tha pages involved have been typed and mimeoed, there have been several title changes. Notably are the U.S. and tag titles recognized in Phoenix. Luis Martinez beat Don Arnold for the singles title, but no dates are available. Luis is one of the most popular wrestlers to ever hit the Southwest, and this will go over well with his many fans. The tag title is now in the hands of Gene Dubuque and a new-comer named Karl Von Miller. They beat the team of Yoshihara and Pico, in Tucson I thi nk, but again no date.

One of the nicest and hardest working people in wrestling today is also one of the most able. Ring announcer, program editor, general informant, and picture salesman. I speak of Boyd Pierce of Texas. He has by far the largest, most complete line-up of fots for sale of anyone around, including most of the top names in the world of wrestling. His fotos are sharp and clear, and very reasonable in price. Drop him a line for a free list of all those he has available. The address is P.O. Box C, Burleson, Texas. 76028. He is a goodie.

I seem to have added a new word to the English language. Since using that term "goodie" many people, espeically in countries where English is not the common language, have taken it up; also the opposite, a "badie". You didn't know your Uncle Burt was a linguist, did you?

Many people have asked me about the title claims of Prime Carnera and of the Maskod Dansky. I am trying to get the info involved and will have it available to the members of MATMANIA and of the old results club within the next week or so; hopefully While speaking of the old results club, if you are interested in this area of wrestling, the club is a must for you. The dues are only 1.50 a year and the members receive all of the old results which we receive. Also many life histories and other info not included in these bulletins. The address is the same as for MATMANIA.

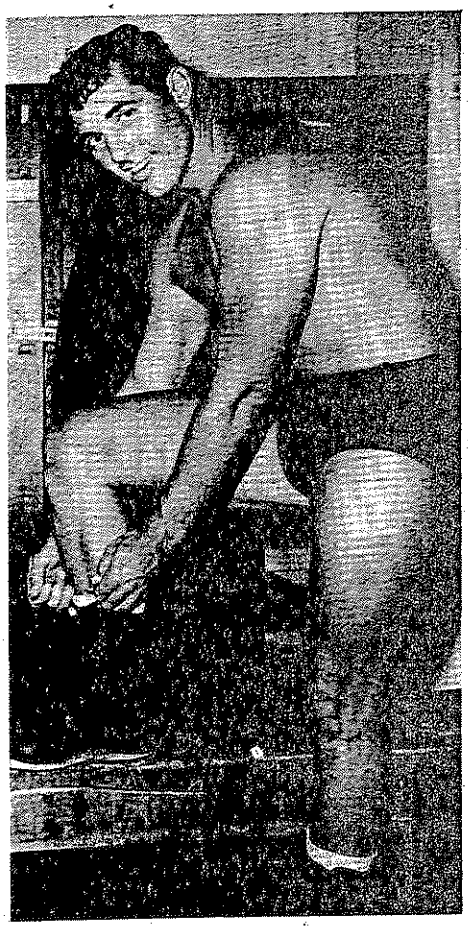
I have mentioned this in times past, and will do so one more time. PULEEZE do not send money thru the mail. Send stamps, checks, money orders, or other such items but never money. It is too easy for it to get "lost" in the mail. Many thanks.

For those of you reading MATMANIA for the first time, we would like to say "welcome aboard" and we hope that you will be receiving many more such issues. They are put out every month, and are usually out by the first of the month or as soon after as is possible. The dues are only fifty cents per month or 5.00 for the year. The address is on the reverse of this page.

Since we printed the page on favourite wrestlers, we have received an avalnach of votes for George Becker and Johnny Weaver. The prexie of their club, Pam Daniels, wrote to each of her members, telling them about our voting and urging them to write in and cast their votes of you know who. Each of those people (and all others who vote due to the urging of their club prexie) will receive a free sample bulletin from us. No letter, psossibly, but the bulletin. Please, lets all get behind this and see who well we can do. I'd like to try to show the world that wrestling fans are a hard working, industrious group. Many thanx.

We have a limited number of back issues of MATMANIA avalable. They include the The April 66 issue, featuring the life record of Don Eagle, sotries and articles on Bill Miller, Germany wrestling, Bobby Shane and others; The July issue, articles on Rocky Storm, Detroit wrestling and others; the August ish, featuring articles on Boris and Nicoli Vulkoff, the life record of Ed Lewis and other items of interest; the September ish, with the record of Pat O'Connor, articles on Whoo McDaniels and other men; October with artices and pics of Don Arnold, Verne Bottoms and many others; the Nov ish with articles on Tony Borne, the life record of Sander Szabo and many other items; also the April, May and June ishs of this year. Those are all 50 cents each; order six of them for 2.50 and you receive many extras such as programs, pict ures and so forth. I am sure they will interest you. Especially if you have not seen them before. Thank you.

Bob Ellis



COWBOY BOB ELLIS

In 1959, ther e was a contest held by one of the major magazines to decide the most oppular man in wrestling. The winner was a tall Cowboy by the name of Bob Ellis.

The same magazine held such contests every year from 1959 thru 1963 and the winner each year was the same Cowboy Bob Ellis.

This same popularity has held true to this day. Wherever Cowboy Bob appears, there is an assured sell-out as his many fans troupe in to see the originator of the bull-dog headlock. Whether it be New York City, Omaha, Amarillo, Houston, Kansas City, St. Louis, San Francisco, or Los Angeles, his name is box-office magic. The most popular man in this or any other day is Cowboy Bob Ellis.

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From the time Bob made his debut as a professional wrestler in 1958, he has covered the world. He has appeared throughout the mid-west, the Texas and South-west areas; California, Florida, the East Coast, as well as Australia. He has held numberous area titles, including the Texas title, the Heart of America title, the Central States title, the United States title, and the Southern States tag title with Danny Miller. He also held the WWA version of the world title, beating the Destroyer for the title.

Cowboy Bob Ellis has wins over many top notch wrestlers including the Destroyer, Bill Longson, Dick Afflis, Dick Hutton, Gene Kiniski, Kinji Shibuya, Fritz Von Erich, Killer Kowalski, Johnny Valentine, Buddy Austin, Buddy Rogers, Bobby Orton, Duke Keomuka, Lou Thesz, Karl Kox, Waldo Von Erich, Mark Lewin, Bill Miller, Hans Schmidt, Freddie Blassie, Ray Stevens, and Danny McShane. His full life record will be in an up-coming issue of MATMANIA. Few can approach him for the number of wins over the top men of the field.

With a large, active fan club headed by Mister Norman Kietzer of P.O. Box 594, Mankato, Minn 56001, Bob is well represented in this field. For full details about joining, write to Norm. It is one of the best.

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Hailing from San Angelo, Texas, there is little doubt that Cowboy Bob Ellis is one of the greatest wrestlers who ever trod the mats. An exciting, versatile man, he can either match an opponent hold for hold, or he can rough it up with any of them. Few people can match him in either the scientific wrestling in the ring, or in the brawling slug-fests so popular around the country. Watch for him in your area. He is a goodie.

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MARK LEWIN

On 4 October 1956, a young wrestler made his debut in the rings of northern California. The younger brother of one of the most famous wrestlers of al time, he made a quick hit with the fans, as he appeared in the ring, carrying a guitar, wearing long hari and billed as "The Elvis Presley" of wrestling. The young man was Mark Lewin.

A fast, all-action man of only 210 in those days he caused many a heart to throb with his vitaility and good looks. With brother Donn, he terrorized the fans of the Golden State, beating such men as Johnny Barend, Adrian Baillargeon, Pete Peterson, Bill and Ed Miller, and many others.

The young man quickly made hits wherever he appeared, circling the country picking up admirers. His style in the ring, bordering on villianery, but with the approval of the fans, made quick work of t the various men with whom he was matched. He beat many top nothers along the line, including Jack Bence, Larry and Joe Hamilton, Legs Longevin, Skull Murphy, Starr, Ray and Don Stevens, Gene Dubuque and many others.

About this time, he met and became friends with Don Curtis, like himself one of the best young mat-men around. As a tag team, they were virtually unbeatable, beating many top teams including the Zebra Kids, Bull Curry and the Shiek, Jerry and Eddie Gra-Graham, Tokyo Joe and Karl von Hess, and many others.

His matches, either with a tag partner or solo, filled the areanas throughout the East Coast against opponents such as Buddy Rogers, Johnny Valentine, Killer Kowalski and Bill Miller. Never one to slouch from any opponent, Mark took them all on and won far more than he lost. Still the big favourite with the ladies, he was a one hundred per cent action man at all times.

In the early sixties, another relative, a cousin, first introduced him to the fans of Texas. The cousin was the ole spitfire, Dangerous Danny McShain, one of the greatest junior heavyweight stars in the history of wrestling, and one of the top stars of Texas history. What they did together, Lewin and McShain, is history. All they did was tear up the state, almost causing Texas to declare war on Ireland. The Maniac, as Mark was dubbed, tore up anyone and everyone who got in his way to the top His opponents during this time re ds like a Whos who of wrestling: Lou Thesz, Bob Ellis, Jack Donovan, Nick Kozak, Ricki Starr, Jack and Jim Dalton, Louis Tillet, Rito Romero and many others.

A villian onenight, a hero the next, Mark Lewin continued his winning ways, until he beat one of the greatest wrestlers of all time, winning the AWA title; the wrestler was Lou Thesz. Lewin beat him held the title for over six months against challenges from Kiler Karl Kox, Ricky Romero, Pedro Morales and others. He finally lost it to the Korean wrestling star, Kintaro Oki. Oki, in turn lost it to Mike DiBiase, and then who should come back to topple Iron Mike? You guessed it.

Maniac Mark Lewin; The Irish Flower; the Elivs Presley of Wrestling is once again the AWA world champion. One of the greates of the day, Mark Lewin. Hims a goodie.

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In a late issue of Wrestling Revue, I wrote that I would no longer be able to continue as the fan club editor of that magazine. The reason given at that time was ill health. I have received many letters and cards from well wishers concerning my health, and I would like to thank each and everyone for them. Youse is all dolls.

The illness involved, tho, was long gone by the time the article in question was in print. As all those members of MATMANIA know, the illness was in December thru February of this year. By the time the decision was made concerning my dropping the column, I was well over the malady and back on my feet.

Tho final decison of my dropping it, then, did not completely include only the pneaumonia sugfered by me. There were other reasons. The first of these, and the most important, was my stand on various of the men involved with wrestling. It is well known that I do not acre for some of these men, be they wrestlers, promoters or whatever. And it seems the bigger they are, the more I seem to dislike them. This is not true right down the line, but a noticeable trend. This stand did not fully coincide with the same stand taken by Wrestling Revue and its editor and publicher. They felt that I should be a bit more lenient in my dealings with these men.

In the sake of my honesty and integrity, I did not feel that I could change that stand without due reason. A part time boss telling me to change, is NOT sufficient reason, and so I did not change. I felt that any fan, whether it be me, the officers of this club, and the members thereof, were entitled to their own opinions even tho it might be different than the editorial policy of Wrestling Revue.

Let me say that the parting was a mutual agreement. I am still very mouh on a friendly basis with Lew Eskin, and still feel that Revue is BY FAR the best magazine on wrestling in this country. So far superior as to make little comparision between Revue and any of the other so called wrestling magazines. But leave it I did; and for illness.

The illness, as stated above, was not quite as serious as indicated in the column. To put it as easily as possible, the powers that be felt that I and my stand on the wrestlers and promoters were not compatible with Revue's policy. Therefore, illness took over. I left due to it. The illness was that Abe Glick, the pub-lisher, was sick of me.

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Throughout life, a person gets a surprise from time to time that really makes life worth living. An occurence of this nature happened to me s ortly after returning from Texas. I received a package of books written by one of the most well known wrestlers and promoters in the world today. The first of these is a book of verse written by the wrestler involved. I have read this book, and re-read it and can honestly say that it is by far the best I have ever seen on the subject matter involved. The second is a book on self-defense for the "weaker" sex. Both are excelelth valtes, and I heartily recommend them for everyone. The author is Paul Boesch, the Houston promoter. The address is The Book Box. P.O. Box 12048. Houston. 77017. The price of "Much of Me in Each of These" the verse book is 3.50. The "Womanly Art of Self-Defense is 1.00. Both are well worth the prices involved.

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One of our members has fotos for sale of all the top men of the WWWF for sale. They are only fifty cents each. Available are Tanaka, Chris Belkas, Rudy Valentino, Carpentier, Miller, Muldoon, and Truesdale. The address is Photo Request. 6 Bigelow St. Cambridge, Mass. 02139. He also has wallet sized fotos for sale of Miller and Carpentier for only 20 cents. Let em know you saw the address in MATMANIA. He is a goodie.

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The West Texas wrestling circuit is one of the best around. As noted from our results, they have some of the best wrestlers in the world, including men from almost every section of the country. They have a normal group who wrestle there most of the time, then continually bring in more and more of the top stars, such as Sonny Myers, Waldo von Erich, the Alaskan, Henning and Race, Ricky Romero, Kinji Shibuya, Ory Guerroro, and many others. This is the reason, above all others, why we need more results coverage from this area. Therefore, below, is the full list of cities in which they have wrestling on a weekly basis:

Sunday, Albuquerque
Monday, El Paso and Abilene
Tuesday, Odessa and a spot show, note.
Wednesday, Lubbock
Thurdsay, Amarillo and a spot
Friday, Clovis, New Mexico and Hereford, Tex.
Saturday, Plainview and Littlefield

Note on those Tuesday spots. Don Slatton is the promoter involved, and usually has matches in one of four cities, rotating on a monthly basis. They are Sweetwater, San Angelo, Ballinger and (I think) Brownwood. I am not sure of which cities are involved on the spot shows held on Thursday night, but i imagine they are in the general area of Abilene. We will try to have these matches reported, but naturally, we have to GET them before ww can report them. Some time in the future, we will undoubtedly want to do life histories on many of the men involved, and we need the results. Sound okay? So....

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Kinji Shibuya is currently the North American title, recognized in this area. He beat Dory Funk Jr for the title. The tag champs, at last word, were the Medic and Thunderbolt Patterson (my friends call me TB). They beat Slatton and Dan Miller for the honors (I think). The top villains of the area right now are The Duke, Patterson Shibuya, and Nick Roberts. The top heros are the Funks, Dory Jr and Sr, plus Terry a recent returnee, Ricky Romero, Hernandez, Guerrero, Kozak, and (insits the wrestler) Patterson. "To know me is to Love me." The above group is as good as any around, and can hold their own both in wrestling ability and in drawing power with any comparable group. Theys goodies.

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They have at least two TV outlets in this area. Brownwood has matches on Sunday night, which is beamed into Abileen and most of the other cities in that area. It is on about ten at night, and is one of the most popular shows in the area. The other is from Amarillo, but am not sure of day of the week, time, etc. Could someone..... Much grasses.

I didn't mention the arena in whcih they hold matche s in Abilene. They took an old summer stock theater, and converted it into a wrestling arena. The ring is in about the same position as where would normally be about the sixth to twentieth rows of the orchestra floor. The ringside seats are around in, with four or five rows being considered ringside. They also have seats on the stage, and all the way up the normal sitting area. It holds well over two thousand people, and the night I was there, they had a small crowd: about 2200. The roof leaks, so they have installed a tent INSIDE the arena. With this carnival atmosphere, the fans really go crazy with it all and that good, wild Texas wrestling takes over from there. You really have to see it to beliveve it. Fantastically, utterly, madendlly wild. And I love it and I miss it already.

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And this is only one of three circuits operating in Texas. No other single State in the union has as much and as good wrestling as does Texas. But they have always done thing s in a big way down there. Luv it.

On the 7th of July, I had the thrill of a lifetime. I left here on that date to go to Texas for some of their wild wrestling. At the same time, I gave the award of promotor of the month for June to the man who runs Abidene, The Lawman, Don Slatton.

I arrived early Monday, after a forty hour bus ride. Checked into a hotel for a few hours sleep, then hit my favourite spot in that or any other town: the library. I did a bit of checking for old results, then looked up one of the sweetest, most wonderful girls I have ever met, Mrs, Lena Woodyard, the prexie of the Danny Miller fan club. We went out to the arena at which the matches were held, where I first met Don Slatton. We spent the afternoon talking, then prepared for the evening's matches.

I had forgotten how wild and interesting the world of wrestling could be. Texas wrestling brought it all back to me, and in abundant quantities. The first match of the evening was a draw between Luis Hernandez and The Duke. For the first time in many years, I got a real kick out of wrestling, this due to the antics in the ring of the viainery of the Duke. Luis, also is a highly competant wrestler. The first laff in years, the first bellow from me, and the first genuine kick in quite some time. I really have to hand it to the Duke; he is a wild, wild young man.

The second match was between the Giant Killer, Jerry Kozak and the Medic #1. The bout was a bit quite after the prliminary, but I still enjoyed it all. I had heard so very much about both men, that it was interesting to see how much was actually true. The bout was won by Kozak when The Medic was disqualified for roffness.

During the intermission, I gave the award to Slatton. Or at least I tried to. I had memorized a nice little speech beforehand, then, when I got into the ring, froze up completely. After thirty seconds of shivering in my boots, I got unwound long enuff to state the purpose of the award, then asked the fans to join me in congratulating the man who made it all responsible: The Lawman. Seldom have I seen or heard a more thunderous ovation for one man. They really brought down the rafters, clapping stamping their feet, and generally caring on. I never did find out if it was for Don or because I finally had said something. Don finally came out, we presented him the plaque, then we had the main event.

I have seen a lot of villains who could raise the temperatures of the fans, but none like the guy who wrestled against Don; Thunderbotl Patterson. The guy is a negro and one of the best young wrestlers I have ever seen. The action got under way immediately as Patterson did want the same referee to officiate as during the rest of the evening. He suggested someone impartial, such as The Duke. After a few minutes of screaming and caring on, he got his wish, and the match started. Don really tore into Patterson, hitting him with everything in sight; brass knuckles, a chain, almost everything in sight. Patterson, who is quoted as having a head which is three inches of solid bone, took it all, and was ready to come back strong. Slatton had a nasty gash opened over his eyes, and Patterson continually pounded and beat at it. My tum tum was a bit queasy by this time.

Slatton finally had enough of the Duke refereeing and of Thunderbolt's antics in the ring. He threw Duke out, and then beat TB to a pulp. The first referee came back to attempt to bring some order out of it all, and he twoo, was knocked out of the ring After both contestants had won a fall, a third man came in to officiate. The Medic. He arrived on the scene just long enuff to count out the Lawman while he laid on the floor splashed with his own blood. He was absolutely drenched in his own blood. He lost the match and the fall to Thunderbolt Patterson.

The next night, I had the thrill of helping to assemble my first ring, as we went to the matches in Sweetwater. Altho the temperature was well over a hundred degrees, and I have had very little experience doing anything heavier than pushing a pencil, I enjoyed the ring-assembly. After the blood-baths on the rings of that area, this one looked as tho it had gone thru the full wringer, time and time again. Someone suggested that Don hang up the cover so that the fans might see what one looked like after

a few of their bouts. A vampire would have a ball.

On this card, Hernandez beat Francisco Rios to a pulp. The Lawman, bless his heart, poured all over The Duke, making up for his refereeeing of the previous night. And then, well let me tell you; Thunderbolt Patterson was hit by everything in the area of the ring. His opponent, Jerry Kozak, hit him with chairs, parts of the ring, the time bell, and everything in sight. The negro star took it all, and still was ready to dish out a little in return. Truly, he must have a three inch thick skull. He would have to, to take everything that he did. The Lawman came to the rescue of Jerry during the second fall, held Thunderbolt down in a full nelson while Jerry hit him again and again. For some reason which I will never know, the match was declared a No Contest.

Kozak and Hernandez are two of the best wrestlers around. Colorful, fast on their feet, and really know how to give the fans that which will best suit them. They wade into their opponenets, giving them everything including the kitchen sink. Luis, especially, was a real crowd pleaser, as he pouredhimself all over his two opponents on the various evenings involved.

The Duke is one of the fumniest, wildest, most colorful men I have ever seen. He is fantastic; there is no other word for this versatile, young villain. While talking to him in Sweetwater, I received the quote of this or any other month: "I do wish all of the girls in Abilene would stop giving me such cheap gifts."

Thunderbolt Patterson; what can you say about him? One of the few negro villains in the business, he is wild, wild, wild. Only a pro for two years or so, he has as full a future for him as anyone around; If he lives thru his matches, that is. I have never seen a man who could so eaily riot an audience as this man. He is utterly fantastic in the amount of punishment he can take and still be ready to dish it out. As strong as an Ox, as dirty as they come, and as mean and as cantakerous as anyone now around, he is a superb villain and should be so for years and years to come. The guy is wild. He is WILD.

I have left the star of the area for last. I have seen Bruno given some ovations in my life; ditto other men such as Torres, Thesz, Ellis, O'Connor, Wright and some other top stars, but I have never seen a man who was as loved as is Don by his fans. Words fail me, as I remember the way he was received by everyone in the arena. Every time he came out, and it was often, if only to sit and watch the other men, to talk with the fans, to sign autographs and so forth, every time, the fans gave him that same thunderous ovation. He is truly the most popular man in that area; as popular as any man I have ever seen anywhere. As a wrestler, he is equally great; he stormed al over the Duke on Tuesday night, and altho he lost to Patterson on Monday, it was due to the rascally refereeing of the Duke and of the Medic. Slatton is beyond any shadow of a doubt one of the greatest in the world, and could be THE greatest if more people saw him. He is as marvelous a wrestling machine as I have ever seen.

I would like to thank those people who made this trip possible. Notably Lena Woodyard for setting it up for me; for her kindnesses in helping me cure my nervousness while there; for helping me in a thousand ways, mainly by being my firend. Lena is a donerful person, and if Danny Boy is as good a wrestler as Lena is a fan club prexie; then he must really be something.

Lastly, I would like to thank Don Slatton for giving me the time, the opportunity to publicly show how much we fans think of him both as a wrestler and as a promoter. So few promoters would have given me the time, this chance to give honor where honor is due. In addition, Don allowed me to travel with him throughout that time, to see and learn how he does it all. He is beyond any shadow of a doubt one of the nicest, finest men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. It was an honor to have met him. A grand man, a fine wrestler and as outstandging a man as I have ever met. Don, youse is a goodie.

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With this issue of MATMANIA, we are begging a new feature. The listings of the favourite wrestler of the fans, and those most hated by the fans. The rules are simple enuff; send me your lists of the five you like most and dislike most. Five to a list. Send them as often as you like; as many as you like. The same name can be listed two or more times on any one list. Simple enuff?

To get your particular favourites rated, all you have to do is to get on the stick and have all of your freinds write in, listing that person and others. The basic thing here is: More the Merrier.

Here is the way the ratings run this first month.

MOST LIKED IN WRESTLING

Spiros Arion, 10 points
Bruno Sammartino, 8 points
Gorgeous George Jr, 7 points
Bill Miller, 7 points
Paul De Marco, 7 points
Reggie Lisowski, 7 points
Don Slatton, 7 points
Vittorio Apollo, 6 points
Fritz Von Erich, 6 points
Jack Donovan, 6 points

MOST DISLIKED IN WRESTLING

Thudnerbolt Patterson, 8 points
Jack Donovan, 7 points
Nikita Mulkovitch, 6 points
George Steele, 5 points
Ray Stevens, 5 points
Bulldog Brower, 4 points
Killer Kowalski, 3 points
Larry Henning, 3 points
Johnny Powers, 3 points
Waldo Von Erich, 3 points

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These listings are for the benefit of the fans. It is up to you, us, to see that we really make them work. All of you people in charge of fans clubs, either official or unofficial, lets see how high you can get your honorary rated. All it takes is votes. The more the merrier.

The most unusual item this month is the placement of Jack (Dandy Jack) Donovan in both the Best liked and the Most Hated ratings. A villain with a large active fan club headed by Mr Don Wilson of 1755 Woodridge Lane of Florrisant, Mo 63033, Donovan is both a popular man (with his fan club) and a villain to almost everyone else. He is quite a guy, ole Jack, and one of the best around. Currently the U.S. champion after beating Pat O'Connor for the title, he is as wild as they come.

Three villains were rated in the most popular ratings this time around. All of them have large, active followings, and this accounts for their rating. Bill Miller, especially, has many people who love him, even tho he is a dirty bird. Fat Willy is a great guy, and this often comes thru in his matches.

Bruno second place? Mike, are you gonna let this go for very long? Lets get with it.

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RESULTS FROM TEXAS

23 June HOUSTON. Fritz and Waldo Von Erich W Jack Brisco and Paul DeMarco. Joe Scarpa W Danny Plechas. Paul Jones W Jack Pesek. Mike Paidousis W Yamamoto.
23 June. CLOVIS, N.M. Dory Funk Jr W Thunderbolt Patterson. The Duke W Jerry Kozak Medic 1 W Al Torres.
29 June. AMARILLO. Kozak D Alaskan. Kinji Shibuya W Funk Jr for North American title Bearcat Wright and Patterson W Harley Race and Larry Henning disq. Kozak won royal over all above plus Medics, Don Slatton, Nick Roberts, Silento Rodriguez, Jack Cain, The Duke, Gene Dubuque, Big Bad John and Bob Duncan.
30 June. HOUSTON. Jack Garfano W Tony Orosco. Tiger Conway D Danny McShane. Buddy Moreno W Plechas disq. Scarpa W Paidousis. Jim Bernard and Paidousis W Brisco and Joe Scarpa.
30 June. CLOVIS. Medic 2 won royal with John, Duncan and others on card. Guerrero and Funk Sr W Alaskan and Dubuque. Kozak W Duke.
3 July. FT. WORTH. Duke Keomuka and Paul DeMarco W Buddy Austin and Destroyer. Brisco W Paidousis. Scarpa W Bernard. Moreno W Roberto Pico. Garfano D Plechas.
6 July. SAN ANTONIO. Moreno W Bernard. Waldo D Destroyer. Keomuka W Garfano. Scarpa W Paidousis disq. Brisco and Benny Matta W Pico and Plechas.
7 July. HOUSTON. Fritz W Bernard. Paidousis W Pico. Brisco W Plechas. Scarpa W Garfano. Austin W Moreno. Destroyer W Conway. Keomuka D Waldo.
7 July. CLOVIS. Medic 1 and Patterson W Funk Jr and Sr. John W Dubuque. Medic 1 D Dory Funk Jr.
8 July. DALLAS?FT WORTH TURNPIKE. Fritz D Gene Kiniski. Funk Jr D Brisco. Funk Sr W Matta. Keomuka W Destroyer. Paidousis W DeMarco. This drew the largest gate in the history of Texas, as some 15 thousand people flocked into the outdoor arena.
10 July. ABILENE. Patterson W Slatton. Kozak W Medic 1 disq. Juan Hernandez D Duke.
10 July. FT. WORTH. Paidousis W Austin. Red Lyons W Destroyer. Scarpa W Moreno. Karl Kox W Garfano. Keomuka and Waldo W Pico and Plechas.
11 July. SWEETWATER. Kozak NC Patterson. Slatton W Duke. Hernandez W Francisco Rios.
12 July. SAN ANTONIO. Moreno W Destroyer. Austin W Waldo. Kox W Garfano. Scarpa W Pico. Lyons and Brisco W Rocky Rodriguez and Keomuka disq.
14 July. HOUSTON. Conway W Garfano. Moreno D Brisco. Scarpa W Plechas and Pico. Kox W Lyons disq. Fritz and Waldo W Destroyer and Keomuka.
17 July. FT. WORTH. Big Bad John W Pico. Brisco and Moreno W Plechas and Eddie Rodriguez. Kox W John. Lyons W Austin disq. Scarpa W Paidousis.

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In the month covered here, the area got new wresters Red Lyons, Eddie (Rocky) Rodriguez, plus Karl Kox back for a visit. The west area had visits from Henning and Race, plus visits from Waldo Von Erick, Duncan, Rios and Hernandez. In short, the area has continued to be the best, with more new wrestlers, and top flight ones, than any other area around. The promotors there are beyond any shadow of a doubt the best in the world. Thems is goodies.

That match at the Turnpike is of interest. They drew over four thousand at Ft. Worth on the tenth; ditto at Dallas on the 11th. Both cities had matches the week before, and drew about the same. In other words, the fans were not "hungry" for wrestling. They went to see Fritzie beat Kiniski. Actually, the under card was far from the best during the month, but the promoters had a good thing going for them and did it up good. If I had a hat on right now, I would tip it to them.

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Between the two areas covered here, they have well over two dozen matches a week. We have 16 for a full month. Less than a quarter of the possible results. And this is only the live cards; not TV. Sure do wish we could get them all. HELPSIES.

In the past month or more, I have heard many ways discussed as to how to improve wrestling. These plans include many differnet things, and I would like to discuss these various plans. First, tho, lt me say that I do not beleive that wrestling is in nearly as bad a shape as some people do. True, there are areas that could use a great deal of improvement, but by and large, wrestling is in pretty good shape. And now for the plans mentioned to bring about the improvement of wrestling.

The first such plan includes better refering in the matches. Poor referees have been with us since time inemorial and this one change will make little difference one way or another in the long run. Instead of bad referees, what we need are refs who are well known. In the past day or two, I have tried to recall the names of current men who referee on a regular basis, and I can not think of more than one or two. All of the others are just a glod of smoke on the horizon without names or faces. In the "good ole days" the refs were so well known that often they accounted for an extra ten percent to the gate recepts as the fans came out to boo and hiss at the well known and well hated refs. Men like Joe Gardenfield, Smokey Joe Woods and others were all so cordially disliked by the fans that their names ensured a sell-out in any arena in which they worked regularly. In short, we just need some men as refs who are not afraid of doing what they think is best, no matter the consiquences. And then we need promoters who will use the dislike of the refs to good advantage; bu using those same men continually so as to make them drawing cards.

The second suggestion that I hve heard is to have judges at the matches. One state has these judges now. The state is New York. I have not heard of them being any advantage, as the matches here are exact replicas of matches held in Jersy, Maryland and elsewhere in the Great Wide World of the WWWF. In short, judges make absolutely no difference in the outcome of a match; often they are political appointees who would not know the difference between a hammer-lock and a canal lock. They are appointed by the commissions and do no good to the eventual outcome of the match in question.

The only people who make a drastic difference in the outcome of the match is the participants. One further plan to improve wrestling is to so handcuff the villians as to allow the heros an even break in the ring. Far too often, state the exponents of this plan, the hero is taken by surprise by the actions of the villians and lose matches which would usually be an easy victory. Now lets face it, boobies, surprise and that should be in quotation marks, is not for real. Any man who goes in the ring against a well known adversary has done, or should have done, some homework as th the style of wrestling done by that opponent. Studying their favourite holds, their movements and counter-movements in the ring and so forth. For that hero to be taken by surprise by that opponent shows either that he did not do sufficient homework on that opponent or that he just could not get out of the way of that favourite hold or maneuver. In short, he does not really deserve to win without properly preparing himself before hand.

An off-shoot of this same plan is to give the heros more lee-way as to "bending" the rules so as to off-set the actions of the villians. A man like Sammartino should be given more leniency than a man like Johnny Rodz, a well known preliminary villian. The two have met often in the past, with many fans screaming that the big bully (Rodz) took unfair advantage of the weekling (Sammartino). Now I don't know if everyone feels as I do on this, but the 270 pound weaking getting beat up by the 235 pound bully is not quite the classic example. I do not feel sorry for any man of 270 pounds who can not take care of himself at all times. He certainly is big enough, fast enough and rough enough to beat any man. Do not feel sorry for him; do not give him any more "breaks" than given to any other. He simply doesn't need them.

The last plan submitted to improve wrestling centers on titles. Eliminate all the titles except one and make that person the universal champion. I do not go along with this idea for the sole purpose that I know it is never going to happen. Why knock yourself out over something that has no chance of success? Actually, titles are okay if they are given their proper names. The majority of the "world" titles are

only recongized in a limited area, and should be so designated. The size of the area involved fluctuates from the Montreal version, in one state, up to the NWA, regognized in about half the states. The titles are okay, but should be listed as area titles and not world titles. This again will never happen as it is far better to defend, say a world title than a Southern California title. Or a world title than a New England title. This lists include the majority of tag title claims, U.S. titles and so forth; the majority are recognized in such small areas as to be unbeleivable. Keep the titles, but call them their real names.

The above plans are those most often fostered to improve wrestling. They leave out the most important one, tho; the talent of the wrestlers. Or the variety thereof. The biggest wrestling areas of this country, such as Texas, the Carolinas, and so forth have such a wide variety of talent, and continually getting more. By comparison, some of the areas have gotten no new top flight talent in for four or more months, except as a spot basis. This may surprise many of you, but the men who run wrestling are HUMAN. With this fallacy, they have all of the likes and sililes as we other mortals. In short, as long as they are paying the bills to the wrestlers, the promoter is going to have the men that he personally wants to see. If he happens to favor a particular type of wrestler, that is what he is going to bring in and going to push. It is as simple as that. Then we fans have to either take it or leave it. Again, it is as simple as that.

It is no secret that our area's promoter favors men of a rather bulky nature. The bigger, the better is his motto. Sammartino is 270, his main challengers are Monsoon at 400 plus, Tanaka at 280, Miller at 320, and so on and on. Even our heros are like Arion at 275, Brazil at 290 and so forth. And we fans, bless us all, have to go along with the wishes of the promoter or....well, not go along with them. It gives us the choice of put up or shut up. Go see the men I want you to go and see or don't go and see anyone. The last choice, don't go, has been taken by far too many people as wrestling in the East Coast is down by about 75% over the past four years.

Now since our current men only bring in a limited variety of men, we have to figure some other method by which to get wrestling talent. And how would that be Uncle Burt? Move like I did from San Francisco? Hardy a probably solution to everyones problem. Let me give some background mausic, then we will go back to this wuestion. Several years ago, several companies joined together to form what was known as a trust Their idea was simple: control the vast majority of meat packaging in the United States so that they could control the prices of the product involved. The U.S. government stepped in and made them break up this trust as it was illegal. Whenever one person or group of companies control a particular commodity or service, and a monopoly has been formed controlling that product, it is still illegal. A monopoly does exist right now, as we in this area have only one "meat pakcager" or wrestling promoter. We either have to take what he has to offer or do without. So what we need ix a new promotional group to move in and give this existing group some competion.

One such group tried to move into New Jersey. An ex-wrestler tried getting a license to promote in New Jorsey and the state Athletic Commission turned him down. The reason given was that one wrestling promoter in any one st ate is enough. Now a monopoly, as stated above, is illegal. In this case, the State is allowing that monopoly to continue operating without any competion. If I was a resident, a tax-payer and a voter of New Jersey, I would scream. They are breaking their own laws when a man is denyed the right to compete with existing businesses, especially when that business has NO competition now. I would scream to the governor, to the Senators in Washington and to the Representatives and to everyone else who is ELECTED and not just an appointee. I would also have my friends, neighbors, co-workers write such letters. I would have these letters pouring into every office in the country to ensure a man being given an even break in any and every business or field in which he feels qualified. Only thru this new blood in the promotional ranks can anyone, especially the fans, bless our pea-picking hearts, be given an up-surge in wrestling today.

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RESULTS FROM CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII

18 June. SAN DIEGO. Ernie Ladd W Karl Kox. Pedro Morales D Karl Gotch. Mark Lewin W Don Savage. Mike DiBiase W Art Michalik.
30 June. LOS ANGELES. Mister Moto D Clyde Steeves. Nick Bockwinkle D Vic Rivera. Wilbur Snyder W Cowboy Hughes. DiBiase and Gotch W Morales and Ricky Romero for Title Bobo Brazil D Lewin. DiBiase W Oki, non-title.
1 July. FRESNO. Pepper Gomez and Morales W Ray Stevens and Skull Murphy. Ciclon Negro W Don DeNucci.
4 July. FRESNO TV. DeNucci W Tom Andrews. Negro W Red Bastien. Gomez W Hughes. Paul Diamond D Stan Nielson.
5 July. HONOLULU. Johnny Barend and Jim Hady W Curtis Laukea and Rip Collins. Stevens D Gomez. Nick Kozak and Billy White Wolf W Rip Miller and Art Neilson. Negro D George Harris. Hans Mortier D George Drake. George Kongozan W Beauregarde.
7 July. OAKLAND TV. Morales and Gomez W Spoiler and Johnny Carr. Bruno Sammartino W Ron Romero. Stevesn W Hughes.
12 July. HONOLULU. Laukea and Collins W Drake and Dick Steinborn. Barend and Hady W Mortier and Dutch Schultz. Kozak W Beauregarde. White Wolf W Harris.
15 July. SAN FRANCISCO. Stevens W Sammartino for WWWF title. Morales and Gomez W Murphy and Negro.
19 July. HONOLULU. Barend D Schultz. Laukea W Eric Froelich. Kozak and White Wolf W Collins and Mortier. Hady W Pat Patterson.

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Somewhere during the aboe time, Kintaro Oki lost his WWA title to Mike DiBiase. My correspondent did not tell me when. They had the match, Skull Murphy interfered, and the match was awarded to DiBiase. The title was held up pending the re-match. The rematch was won by Iron Mike; again my correspondent did not tell me when this happened. I do know that Oki left soon after, or around the 15th of July for Japan, so it was before that time. Narrows it some.

New faces are Patterson, whoopee, Froelich, boo hiss, and Steinborn, sigh. Gee, all in one month. Whowsville.

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I have always mentioned my surprise at how well Los Angeles draws. They continually average right around their top capacity of 10,400. They naturally are far and out the best at that one thing: weekly average. For this reason, I have often mentioned how great the promoters are there.

At the same time, cities like El Monte, Colma and others have stopped having matches due to lack of attendance. How can one city do so well, and others on the same circuit die? Easy, man, easy.

Los Angeles, and San Francisco for that matter, have many wrestlers who only hit the high spots. That is, they appear in Los Angeles one night, Baltimore the next, Detroit after that, Houston next, anywhere they are likely to draw a big crowd, and make an extra-special good gate. This, of course, is sensible, except for the fact that after these "high spots" leave, the small cities on the circuit have matches with Michalik, Moto, Savage, Bockwinkle, and Hughes, hardly a group to cause any riot at the box office. True, they do have Oki, DiBiase and Gotch around much of the time, but gone are Brazil, Snyder, Lewin, Ladd, Romero, Morales, Kox and others who cause the tremendous gates noted in Los Angeles proper.

There are reasons for anything and everything in the world, even the above, altho in this case I am not sure what it is, unless it is just the fact that the promoter involved will pay good salaries for his big shows, and low for everything else. Mind you, I am not callinghim cheap, but.....

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RESULTS FROM THE WWF

1 July. BOSTON. Gorilla Monsoon W Bruno Sammartino in one of the wildest matches in the history of wrestling. Siros Arion W Baron Scicluna. Ed Carpentier W Luke Graham. Fabulous Moolah and Toni Rose NC Donna Christanello and Betty McShane. Professor Tanaka W Tony Parisi. Ricki Sexton W Smasher Sloan. Johnny Rougeau W Tank Morgan. Bill Miller W Arman Hussian.

3 July. ATLANTIC CITY. Spiros Arion W Graham. Albano and Altemore W Miguel Perez and Pete Sanchez. Parisi W Morgan. Miller W Ox. Woody Farmer W Arnold Skaaland.

8 July. BALTIMORE. Sloan W Skaaland. Farmer W Ox. Hussian W Angelo Savoldi. Pattie Nelson and Moolah W Rose abd Christanello. Carpentier W Scicluna. Bruno W Tanaka Parisi and Albano W Albano and Altemore.

10 July. ATLANTIC CITY. Sanchez D Johnny Rodz. Hussian W Jack Ostermiller. Monsoon W Parisi. Arion W Miller. Albano and Altemore W Skaaland and Chuck Richards.

10 July. FRAMINGHAM, MASS. Perez W Farmer. Scicluna W Savoldi. Tanaka W Sloan. Bruno W Graham.

13 July. TAUNTON, MASS. Perez W Sloan disq. Tanaka W Farmer. Scicluna W Sexton. Moolah W Christanello. Carpentier W Graham.

14 July. LARENCE, MASS. Sloan W Farmer. Tanaka W Sexton. Perez W Graham disq. Mollah W Chri tanello disq. Carpentier W Scicluna.

17 July. ATLANTIC CITY. Bruno W Scicluna. Albano and Altemore W Arion and Skaaland Grham W Sanchez. Tanaka W Sloan. Perez W Rodz. Hussian W Savoldi.

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On the 15th of July, in San Francisco, there was a match billed as the match of the centry. Bruno Sammartino defedded his WWF belt against Ray "Blonde Bomber" Stevens. After each man had won a fall, Stevens (to quote one of our members) "he hit em in the groin", and Bruno fell to the floor out side the ring and was counted out, thus losing the match, and the WWF title. There wes a virtual uprour as the WWF fans on the East Coast, all of them firm Bruno supporters, screamed of the injustice.

As we mentioned in the June issue of MATMANIA, such a match, with a re-match immediately after in one of the major WWF cities, would make a tremendous drawing card. Also as mentioned, such a match and the re-match, would have to be held with a great deal of advertising on the part of the promoters.

I talked to one person who happens to be close to the scene and he assured me that such would be the case; a re-match held here, with a very great deal of advertising to the fact theat Bruno lost his coveted belt (and another match) in San Francisco.

Bruno defended the belt and the title on the 17th of July; two days after losing "The Match of the Century".

It is disgusting.

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Newcomers Frank Holtz and Gullitone Gordon either have hit the area already or about to. Morgan, Ortega and Parisi have all left for Japan, returning in about three weeks. Another new man named Ed Summers is also around and about. Three exciting, new faces always helps take away part of the stench of the San Francisco fiasco.

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Several people have suggested that the San Frqncsco bout might be a step ladder to some t pe of elimination between all of the various champions. The word "step-ladder" indicates that something happened the first time. Such is not the case, as the promoters, ever eager to ensure truthful oporations, bungled the entire thing. Rather than calling it a step-ladder, I think we should refer to it as a hole in the ground.

In each issue of MATMANIA, we give various awards to themen and women of wrestling. The first of these each month is to the promoter of the month. This month is its my pleasure to name a man with whom I have had a long and one sided friendship. A man I saw as a wrestler many, many moons ago, and have followed since. A promoter now, he has rapidly forged ahead to become one of the greatest. I speak of Paul Boesch, the Houston promoter. Him is fabulous.

The second award each month is to the fan club worker of the month. How can a person miss by naming the gilr who works the hardest, gets the least credit, and stil ends up looking and acting like the true blue lady that she is? How can you miss naming Opal Mae Ronspiez, the work horse of the Danny Hodge fan club? She is great; she is fabulous; she is terrific, stupendous, fantastic, unbelievable; also pretty nice. Opal Mae, you deserve far more than just the thanks of Danny, your members, Danny's many fans, and wrestling in general. I only hope that recognition will help Hide not your candle beneath a stone.

The third award each month is to the wrestler who travels the most during the proceeding month. As always, I'll try to list all of those who have done any travelling from one area to another. The Ox left the East Coast, and is now in the Mobile area; Frank Hickey left that basic area to return to the East Coast, where he is so beloved Mister Kleen left the Atlanta area for the Mobile area, where Don Carson left to go to Nashville and brother Ron left to visit one of his relatives (Uncle Sam); Tarzan Baxter also arrived in that area, leaving the Ozarks region; Paul Jones arrived in the Ozarks, having left Texas and before that, Portland Oregon; Les Thatcher moved into the Carlonas from Florida Bobby Shane left the Omaha area for Detroit; Stan Kowalski moved into Omaha, leaving Minneapolis, as did Reg Parks; Patt Patterson arrived in Hawaii (and soon California) having left Australia. Pat O'Connor did the same, as did Dutch Schultz alais Dutch Savage, having left Japan. Hans Mortier left Hawaii, for the East Coast, where he is every bit as popular as Franklin H. Hickey the First. Sonny Myers, Larry Henning and Harley Race all hit the west Texas area; Myers leaving and returning to Kansas City, Henning and Race from Minneapolis; Many men went to and from Japan, including Tank Morgan, Jess Ortega and Antonio Pugliese from the Eat Coast; George Drake from Hawaii, Dennis Hall and Roger Kirby from Florida, ditto Hiro Matsuda from there; Don Leo Jonothan returned to the Northwest, and the rest disappeared, or I forgot who they are or were. Hawk and Hansen, the favourites of every masochist in the world left Japan for the Carlinas, Silento Rodriguez left Texas for Florida, and Terry Funk traded places with him. Some guy named Sammartino or something like that went to California a couple of times. I don't know where he went to after that, or if he had the nerve to go anywhere. Gomez and Nerga both traveled to and from California and the Northwest, where Luther Lindsey left, going to the Carolinas; No one new (so what else is new) moved into Seattle and the rest of the Northwest. California got a new masked tag team named the (censored) The winner this month, and the first time I have ever given an award of any osrt to this man, is Bruno Sammartino. Twice in one month to California, returning to the East. That, boobies, is at least 12,000 miles any way you look at it. He finally got me to say something nice about him.

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A new face, any new face, is better than seeing the same man week after week, month after month. If even for only a few matches, this new face will create some additional interest not to be found in any other way. If a group of men, no matter how good, how exciting, or popular, wrestle in the same area for two or three months they, out of necessity, begin repeating matches, having number one going against number two time after time. There is a limit to the varietys of outcomes of the match and a limit to the interest of the fans. Add number three and number four, new men for a short duration, and the possiblities are limitless. Fifty bucks to bring in a new man im not going to kill any promoter. Worse comes to worse, they could probably hold a collection after each match to get the necessary money.

I just received my daily batch of mail, in which there was a letter from one of the grandest people in wrestling today. The girl is the prexie of the Don Carson fan club. Due to some trouble with the mail, I have not heard from her for some time so the ltter was doubly welcome. With the letter, she sent me the newsletters put out by her club in the past four months. She asked my opinion on them, and will give it here and now.

The prexie, Joan Anderson, stepped into the fan club world without ever having seen a fan club bulletin. With no knowledge or experience in the field, she included such info in her newsletters as would interest her, and (she hoped) all of the fans and members of her club and her honorary, Don.

I am happy to say that she has done by far the most stupednsous job I have ever seen on a fan club newsletter for one man. Not knowing what to put in, she included such tidbits as where Don is wrestling, how he is doing, what he is doing, against whom, with whom, where, when, how, why, if, and so forth. In short, she has included the type of information which will best help Don, his fans, and wrestling in general Joan, you are fabulous. I wish there were a million more like you. I have never seen Don Carson, but I sincerly hope he is good enough to deserve you.

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We will have an article in a future issue of MATMANIA on Don Carson. Joan Anderson, his fan club prexie will write it. For fuller info on Don, his club and their activitels, write to Joan at P.O. Box 5663. Pensacola, Florida. 32505. Don and brother Ronnie are most foruntate in having a prexie like Joan. I can not say how very, very much I enjoyed reading the newsletters that she sent. You gotts see them to fully appreciate the job that she does. Drop her a line; honest Injun, you won't be disappointed.

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There are only three fan club bulletins which I sit down to read. Only these three warrant it: The Don Carson club, the Twentieth Century fan club, and the Danny Hodge club. If you miss these three clubs, you are only missing the best that there is in the world today. John Mnatin of the 20th Century puts out a bulletin that is as good as any in the world today (with one exception?) His address is 1211 Monroe avenue/ Pheonixville, Pa. 19460.

I am not sure who the prexie of the Danny Hodge club is, but the worker is Opal Mae Ronspeiz. Her address and the credit for the club, is 907 S. 10th. Kingfisher, Oklahoma. 73750. Drop them both a line; you'll enjoy their material.

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In the next issue of MATMANIA, we will have the life history of Cowboy Bob Ellis also the articles and pictures on such men as Thunderbolt Patterson, Don Slatton, and others. We will also have some information which will be of utmost imprtance to each and every member of MATMANIA. I can not give even a clue as to this info, but..... Has Uncle Burt ever disppointed any of you? Except in answering letters, that is? Stay tune for full details next month.

In the next few months, we will be having life histories on such men as Gene Kiniski, Fritz Von Erich, Freddie Blassie, Killer Kowalski, and many other top stars. We will also be having articles on such men as are currently in the news. This will include all of those men who win titles, or do other such things as to create interest in them and their career. In other words, I don't know until the time arrives okay? More later, everyone.

How can you tell the difference between a boy goldfish and a female goldfish? Whistle, and if HE comes, it is a boy; if SHE comes, it is a girl.

And now we come to a special feature of MATMANIA; the past page. At this time, I always take the time and opportunity to thank those people who have helped me in the formation of this issue. I would especially like to thank our officers for the help and assistance given me; especially James Lee, Jim Melby, Barry Wimmick, Robert Weckessar, Earl Elder and Dean Silverstone. All of them have given me assistance above and beyond the call of duty.

Even more help has come from my "Big Thrree" of Diane Devine, Norman Kietzer and Ray Plunkett Esq. Without their help and assistance, we could not begin to put out these bulletins. They are more help, more comfort than anybody else around, and often get less from me than many others.

I would also like th thank those people who have given our club advertising during the past month or so; Especially Boyd Pierce of Texas, Gene Gordon of South Carolina, Don Wilson of THE magazine, and Russell Plummer of the Wrestler is Great Britain. All have been wonderful to us.

I would, of course like to thank the nicest person in New York, Mister Lew Eskin the man who has to put up with me and my childish entusiasm. He has been a tremendous help in many ways; more than I could begin to tell. Him is wunderbar.

Lstly, and certainly not the least, I would like to thank the men and women who are the wrestlers, promotors and referees; the people who make it all possible. A special thanx now and alwsy to the men and women of the Black and Blue. We luvs ya all.

This, then, ends the July issue of MATMANIA. We hope you like and enjoyed our work, and will all come back for more of our little Happy Farm. Thank you.

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